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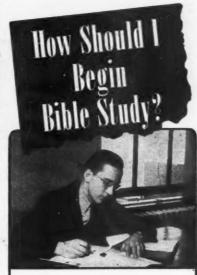
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Old Bibles

Almost every Christian home has one or more of them. They accumulate with the years. And what a host of memories cluster around some of them! They have been places, as we say. And they have seen service.

Some of them have been around the world. Others again, like the old family Bible, have seldom if ever moved from the spot we call home. There are also small pocket editions that recall bedside visits to the sick and the shut-ins, or visits to hospitals and prisons. Then there is that New Testament and Psalms which some brave lad carried with him to the front line with its abiding evidence of his personal faith in Christ written within. What healing balm there is in that for brokenhearted loved ones who sorrow not as others who have no hope.

So far as outward appearances go, these books have had their day. Their bindings show signs of hard wear; their pages, too. are worn and blurred from much use. But the truth they contain abides. It is living, it is eternal. It is old, but not decadent; ancient, but not antiquated. Its freshness is perennial.

The flyleaf of an old Bible often reveals some very interesting things. Here are autographs of saints long since gone "to be with Christ which is far better." They were the spiritual giants of their day, mighty men of God. Their memory is still redolent of the gracious ministry of the Christ whom they loved and served.

Over against their names we jotted down some choice sayings, or some striking statements of theirs which still wear all the sheen of freshly minted coin. There is nothing trite about them. Their abiding "newness of life" is due to the fact that they are but paraphrases of divine truth. Opposite the name of him who was used of God to lead me to the feet of the Lord Jesus I find this:

"Our safety does not lie in our ability to detect error, but in our love for the truth." I remember that he said this was not original with him. Neither was it original with the one he was quoting. It is but a paraphrase of the words of our Lord Himself, who said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

We have known those who were skillful in debate; those who could argue with a cogency that was most convincing, but who for some reason or other failed to stand up when a real test of faith came. In divine things the heart is more important than the head. It is important to know the truth, it is still more important to love it. The psalmist could say, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day."

From the same source we learn that the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord, that is, the Word of God, shall be like a tree planted. You will notice that he did not say "like a post." There may be some similarity between the planting of a tree and the placing of a post. But there is also this difference: the one grows while the other rots. The mere act of "staying put" is not enough.

One who loves the truth will never be quite satisfied with correctness of position only. He will seek by God's grace to grow and to bear fruit. It was the fruit trees of Canaan which were especially protected even in times of conflict and strife (Deut. 20:19, 20). Yes, "the Lord preserveth all them that love him," who is the truth.

"The unforgotten goal of the ages, the triumph of the woman's Seed." Here is another quotation I found written on the flyleaf of an old Bible. Who the author was, I do not know, but that does not affect the truth of the statement. The purpose of God moves on toward that which is something more than a fortuitous confluence of events.

Some six thousand years ago it was declared that the woman's Seed, the incarnate Son of God, should bruise the serpent's head. That was when man had but lately opened the door for sin to enter this poor world. But sin never travels alone. The Scripture says, and human experience confirms it, "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin" (Rom. 5:12). Thus these twin evils made their debut. And their shadow has cast its gloom over this vale of tears ever since.

But a shadow presupposes light. Where sin apparently prevailed over everything, the Redeemer's glory was shed abroad. The same One who in the beginning had said, "Let there be light," dispelled the gloom by declaring that the woman's Seed was to bruise the serpent's head. The rising tide of wickedness which marks our time may seem to contradict that and at times it may look as though the prince of darkness were having everything his own way. But even nature witnesses to the fact that when the darkness reaches it nadir the dawn begins.

Our hearts beat high in joyful anticipation of the glad day when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. What a triumph that will be! There was a day when Satan had the audacity to offer these in exchange for worship from the Son of God. But Christ already had the promise, "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance. and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Ps. 2:8). And whereas most triumphs these days are measured in terms of destruction, "He shall divide the spoil with the strong" (Isa. 53:12). Therefore we may sing:

"We triumph in Thy triumphs, Lord; Thy joys our deepest joys afford,

The fruit of love divine.

While sorrowing, suffering, toiling here,
How does the thought our spirits cheer,
The throne of glory's Thine."

C.A.*

Habakkuk's Prayer Book

So much of the prophecy of Habakkuk consists of prayer that it does not seem out of order to call it a prayer book. And judging from the number of times it is referred to and quoted from in the New Testament it must have been well-known to such men as the apostle Paul. The book itself contains only three brief chapters, but it includes one text which it required three epistles to expound. I refer, of course, to the words, "The just shall live by his faith," quoted and expounded in Romans, Galatians, and Hebrews.

But that was not what I started to write about. What struck me as I read the book lately was the way in which it opens and closes. In its opening verses the prophet appears perplexed. Spoiling and violence were before him, and there were those who were raising up strife and contention. Said he, "The law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth."

How modern it all sounds! But according to the date supplied in some editions of the Bible, Habakkuk prophesied in the days of the good king Josiah, about twenty years before Judah was carried captive to Babylon. Thus we have another illustration of how history repeats itself. Current news items, which we need not quote here, have only to be placed alongside of such words to prove that man has not changed for the better since then.

But when we come to the close of Habakkuk's prayer, which includes the whole of chapter 3, we hear a different note. "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines . . . yet I will rejoice in the Lord,

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^{*}Dr. Carl Armerding, member of Moody Bible Institute faculty.

I will joy in the God of my salvation." This is no mere resignation, or stoical indifference. It is blessed assurance.

The secret of this assurance is found in the fact that he is no longer occupied with circumstances, but with the Lord Himself. Therefore he can add, "The Lord is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places." The contemplation of the Lord has lifted him completely above the things of time and sense, so that he now bounds along the pathway of life like the deer, and he walks on the higher levels which, as a child of God, are really his native habitat. He exemplifies his own text that "the just shall live by his faith." By faith he has outdistanced all that would depress him. By faith he has reached the place from which he gains a better perspective of all below, and a clearer perception of that which is above.

C.A.

Founder's Week Conference

We have again reached that time of the year when Moody Bible Institute celebrates the birthday of its founder by being host to thousands of Christians from all parts of the world, particularly from the United States and Canada. They come from all walks of life and represent varied shades of evangelical belief. They do not see eye to eye on details, nor have they all reached the same stage of spiritual maturity. But they all love the same blessed Lord who loves them and gave Himself for them.

Their needs are as varied as their backgrounds and attainments. But in prayerful dependence upon the Lord for guidance, those who have been invited to minister to us in these days of spiritual feasting represent a fair cross section of the various gifts which the great Head of the Church has given to men for the equipment of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

We may not be able to attend all of the conference sessions, but we can at least enjoy a good share of them, and in such variety as to preserve a balance, lest we become lopsided in our spiritual growth and thinking. The Lord save us from the party spirit that says, "I am of Paul," and "I am of Apollos." Some of the most powerful and most fruitful messages of other days have come to us through men but little known to the Church at large. Let us remember that we are at the banquet of the King. And His banner over us is love, a love that "rejoiceth in the truth," however humble the channel through which it is ministered.

C.A.

Moody Bible Conference at Sebring

Perhaps it is not yet too late to call attention again to the Bible conference now in progress at Sebring, Fla. Starting on January 19 it is scheduled to go on, the Lord willing, until March 2.

By the time this issue of Moopy

MONTHLY is in the hands of our readers Dr. G. Allen Fleece and Dr. Vance Havner will have come and gone, leaving a trail of blessing behind them. On February 3 Rev. Clarence Keen, pastor of High Park Baptist Church, Toronto, commences a series of vital messages from the Word of God. The week following, February 10-16, A. H. Stewart, honored member of the Institute Extension Department, will hold forth. The fifth week, February 17-23, will be given over to "Words of Hope, Comfort and Cheer from Isaiah's Prophecy," by Dr. Carl Armerding, of the Institute faculty. The conference will be brought to a close by Dr. H. A. Ironside, beloved pastor of Moody Memorial Church of Chicago.

Emil Aanderud will be there with his golden trumpet and his singing trombone; Darrell Freleigh, with his dramatic tenor voice; and Michael A. Guido, with his stirring baritone voice, to bless the Lord's people through the gifts which He has bestowed upon them. And throughout the full six weeks of the conference Bill Leach' will be there with his crayon and easel, silently but powerfully depicting, in his own way, the glorious gospel of the grace of God.

The meetings will be held in a tent seating 1,250 people, on the shore of beautiful Rex Beach Lake. Friends vacationing in the Southland at this season should by all means include Sebring in

their plans.

C.A.

Gilgal

This was the name given to the first place at which the Israelites camped when they entered the land of Canaan after their long trek of forty years across the wilderness. From that time on it was to occupy an important place in their national life. We find them coming back to it again and again after their numerous battles with the Canaanites. Indeed, in their siege of Jericho they returned to it daily. In that sense it was their base of operations, or GHQ, if you like.

In all of their wilderness journeys the Israelities never camped at a place quite like Gilgal. It is an interesting fact that their first stopping place in the desert is not even named. They sang their song of triumph there, but they never went back. Three days later they came to Marah, where the bitter waters were made sweet for them. But they did not stop there; they passed on to Elim, with its twelve wells of water and its seventy palm trees. But these, too, they left behind, never to return to them, so far as we know.

Not so with Gilgal. Therefore we naturally ask, What made this place so different, so important? Well, to begin with, it marked the spot where they crossed the Jordan. In this respect, however, it differed not at all from the spot where they stood and sang after crossing the Red Sea. But at Gilgal Joshua set up a memorial, consisting of twelve stones taken from the bed of the Jordan, to serve as a perpetual reminder that the Lord God had dried up the waters of the Jordan even as He did the Red Sea, until His people had passed over.

It was here also that the rite of cir-

cumcision was renewed, and thus the reproach of Egypt was rolled away from them. It was from this that Gilgal took its name. With one exception, in the original, the name is always preceded by the definite article. That being so, it is literally, "The Rolling Away." Thus the Israelites would be reminded every time they uttered it of their complete deliverance from everything that pertained to Egypt, the land of their bondage and servitude.

Now one can see why such a place should be so important, and why it should be their base of operations. In the light of the New Testament, its significance becomes even clearer. The twelve stones set up in Gilgal represent those who were once dead in sin, but now are risen with Christ. As such they constitute a memorial of what His saving grace and power can do. And this is something we need to be reminded of again and again.

There may be times when, like the Israelites in their conquest of Jericho, we shall have to return to it daily. The individual Christian can do this in his daily devotions, and in his quiet times with the Lord. Then again Gilgal may find illustration in the regular meetings of the Lord's people when they gather for prayer and worship. It may find still further illustration in the larger gatherings, such as our Bible conferences, when strength and courage are renewed through the ministry of the Word and our mutual fellowship with the Lord and with each other. "Then said Samuel to the people. Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there" (I Sam. 11:14). CA.

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Alumni News

This issue of Moody Monthly brings a welcome innovation in the enlarged Alumni News section which replaces the former Institute and Alumni page. This section now becomes the official voice of the Alumni Association, under the editorship of Dr. Robert A. Cook, alumnus of the Institute, pastor of the Midwest Bible Church, and director of Chicagoland Youth for Christ.

MOODY MONTHLY is glad to thus cooperate with the rapidly growing host of
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loyal and expressive group with a deep
interest in the school that D. L. Moody
founded.

Sincere appreciation is expressed to Dr. Warren Filkin, Institute faculty member, who has edited the Institute and Alumni page. He deserves a "well done."

H.L.I.

What would you think of a man who had \$1,000,000 in the bank and only drew out a penny a day? That's you and I, and the sinner is blinder than we are. The throne of grace is established, and there we are to get all the grace we need. Sin is not so strong as the arm of God. He will help and deliver you if you will come and get the grace you need.—D. L. Moody

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HAVE been asked to say a few words concerning D. L. Moody.

Who could measure the extent of Christian influence? Perhaps it is true that "the evil that men do lives after them," but I am not altogether convinced that "the good is oft interred with their bones." Christian influence is as immortal as the divine Being in whom it originates and from whom it emanates. It extends even from generation to generation. That the world is molded by it, we can neither deny nor dispute.

This Greatheart of modern evangelism had been home with the Lord some ten years ere I came into the world, yet I venture to say that my thanks to God for His servant Dwight Lyman Moody have been as ardent as that of many who were his contemporaries.

Will you suffer a word of personal testimony? I shall always remember, just as I was leaving school—I was about seventeen at the time-having a rather large and bulky volume placed in my hand by an old Christian friend who has since joined the great evangelist up the Shining Way. I subsequently discovered that book was the biography of D. L. Moody. Although my upbringing had been in what was essentially a Christian home, I had imbibed certain conflicting views concerning Christianity. That book with another-George Müller of Bristolvery largely helped to mold my life for God. The psalmist has said, "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance." I, for one, am profoundly grateful for the life of the man Moody.

THE QUESTION OF WITNESSING has been pre-eminent in our thoughts during this week of conference. To consider D. L. Moody in this centenary meet-

Sermon preached at a Moody centenary celebration service in the British Isles.—Mildmay Report

ing will by no means disturb the continuity of our thinking.

Some of you will remember how in the early months of last year I gave a series of lectures on the subject of personal evangelism. At that time we thought of the apostle Paul as a pattern witness. Let me read the verses in which he is thus set forth. Standing before the austere Agrippa he says, "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: that Christ should suffer, and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles" (Acts 26:22, 23). In these words we note the fourfold qualification of the pattern witness:

1. Spiritual Power-"Having obtained help of God."

2. Consistency of Purpose-"I continue unto this day."

3. Broadness of Vision-"Witnessing both to small and great."

4. Knowledge of the Scriptures-the remainder of the text.

In turning over one or two volumes which have to do with the life of Moody it has become increasingly evident to me that he too was a pattern witness.



Moody too had obtained help of God. There came a day in his experience when the "power from on high" filled him through and through. He dated the new usefulness of his life from that point of time. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

It happened on this wise. Two saintly women used to attend his services at Farwell Hall, Chicago. Moody was greatly impressed by their devout demeanor. Certain conversations he held with them revealed that they were praying that he might receive power for service. At first he replied a little testily, "Why are you praying for me? Why don't you pray for the people?" He was apparently quite successful. But gradually there dawned



Moody's virility was equal to any strain. As he moved forward, those who were his helpers were constantly retiring for a time for very weariness. Not so he. No one could say of him, "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak."—G. Campbell Morgan.

power. He found himself offering almost continuously ejaculatory prayers to God for the power of His Spirit.

About that time the great fire of Chicago occurred, an occurrence which later had much to do with his insistency in pressing on men the urgent necessity of present salvation. It was important that funds should be collected in order to rebuild his church. Ah, but there was another matter of even greater importance. Here is his testimony:

"My heart was not in the begging. I could not appeal. I was crying all the time that God would fill me with His

Porcelain statuettes cast in heyday of the world-famous evangelistic team, Moody

and Sankey.

Spirit. Well, one day, in the city of New York-ah, what a day-I cannot describe it; I seldom refer to it; it is almost too sacred an experience to name. Paul had an experience of which he never spoke for fourteen years. I can only say, God revealed Himself to me; and I had such an experience of His love that I had to ask Him to stay His hand. I went to preaching again. The sermons were not different; I did not present any new truths; and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience if you should give me all the world, it would be as the small dust of the balance.

Moody had spiritual power. He had no need to talk of his experience; the experience spoke for itself. It told for God most eloquently.

But we are not to imagine that he lived in the power of that initial experience. He was a channel, not a reservoir. His life was lived in that place of yieldedness to God which made possible the continual

on him this consciousness of lack of inflow of divine power. Therefore the than to others. Yet he constantly affirmed outflow of blessing to the multitudes knew no fluctuations.

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That Moody, and his co-worker Sankey, had consistency of purpose, none could doubt. They were "always abounding in the work of the Lord." The hostile receptions they received at the outset of their work left them undaunted. They kept at

Dr. R. A. Torrey, who knew the great evangelist so well, preached a sermon on "D. L. Moody: The Unity of His Life." The text was, "This one thing I do . . ." (Phil. 3:13, 14). He told of how Mr. Moody loved to urge men to concentration of purpose and effort.

Concerning this, Dr. Torrey pointed out, "He practiced it even better than he preached it. His life was a constant and unanswerable argument for the power of concentration of purpose and action. His life was one of marvelous unity. There was in it a sevenfold unity.

"1. He was a man of one passion-love for Jesus Christ.

"2. A man of but one aim-that aim was to please God.

"3. He was a man of one book-the Bible.

"4. A man of one work-soul-saving. Mr. Moody did many things, but he always had one definite end in view-the salvation of the lost.

"5. A man of one idea-'God is love.' "6. A man of one source of power-the

Holy Ghost.

"7. A man of one endeavor-To do what he could."

The grace of continuance is regarded as a somewhat old-fashioned virtue in these days of cataclysmic change and variation. Yet it is one of the loveliest graces of the Christian life.

Moody had it. It is indispensable to witnessing. To preach the gospel to every creature is a sheer impossibility unless those who set about the task have consistency of purpose.

Moody realized that the Christian faith is not hereditary; it has to be recaptured by each generation for itself. We are now reaping the bitter fruit of neglect of evangelism which has marked the last few decades. God give us the grace of continuance.

He had broadness of vision. Concerning this, little need be said. The great work he left behind reveals that his outlook was never at any time parochial. Apart from his monster campaigns, we think of the institutions he founded. His work, over the years, assumed tremendous proportions, although he would have been the first to have testified to the helpful co-operation of his many friends both in America and England.

Moody witnessed "both to small and great." He used to speak of "the luxury of winning souls." Yet he appreciated that on account of our social standing and intellectual qualifications we are each of us more fitted to witness to some that insofar as opportunity occurred, we should witness to all men.

He himself was magnanimous in this matter of witnessing. We hear a great deal of the monster congregations to which he preached, but we must not forget that this same man ransacked the streets of Chicago in order to find the little urchins with which he peopled his Sunday school.

This man of vision looked above and beyond all denominationalism. Indeed, John Wesley's immortal words were true of him. "The world is my parish."

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He was "mighty in the scriptures." Yet at the outset of his experience he searched most diligently in the Old Testament in order to find John's Gospel. But he grew to love the Book.

He used to say, "Always carry a Bible or Testament in your pocket; and do not be ashamed of people seeing you read it in trains, and so on!" Timely advice in these days when such appalling ignorance concerning the Word of God prevails.

Moody emphasized that we were not to preach our testimony, but to tell out what this Book has to say of Christ. His idea was that those who hear us will soon decide whether or not our experience of Christ coincides with our exposition of His Word.

That point was well taken. The witness must know the Word; others will judge whether he lives it. Dr. Wilbur Chapman said of him, "He lived everything he preached."

· It is said that Moody always deplored the fact that so few church members are qualified to deal with inquirers. Unfortunately, that is still tragically true. How many of us could point a sinner the way of life?

Sufficient has been said to show that Moody, like the great apostle, was a pattern witness. The clamant need of our time is for witnesses, for men whose hearts God has touched. May the cry go up from many a heart, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

It is a good deal better, my friends, if you are going to work for God, to be constantly alone with Him. There are two lives for the Christian, one before the world, and one alone with God. If you dwell constantly at the feet of Jesus, it will save you many a painful hour. The sweetest thoughts of God I ever got were not found in a great assembly like this, but when alone, sitting at the feet of Jesus .- D. L. Moody

John the Baptist was the greatest preacher the world has ever seen, yet we do not see that he was called the Reverend John, or Dr. John, or John, D.D., or John, LL.D.-D. L. Moody.

Commenting on the great Chicago fire, D. L. Moody said: "It seemed to me that on that memorable night I got a glimpse of what the judgment day will be."

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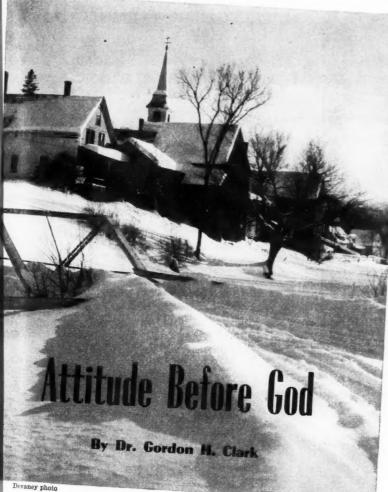
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the attitude which a man should take in the presence of God, the Christian need not be told that carelessness and indifference are incorrect. Unfortunately, multitudes give little thought to God. They neither glorify Him as God

nor give thanks; and since they are without excuse their condemnation is just.

On the other hand. though God and man's attitude toward Him are nothing to the unthinkcrowds which pass by, there are

serious people, too few in number, who, instead of needing to be persuaded that such a view is folly, would welcome, in their genuine concern to please God, even a mediocre treatment of the subject. While these people are in no danger of ignoring God, it may yet happen that some of them are in slight danger of tending toward the opposite

HEN CONSIDERATION turns to extreme of bold presumption. This does not mean that they consciously intend to impose on God: on the contrary, they may be sincerely seeking to please God and at the same time fail for one reason or another.

UNDOUBTEDLY the clearest

early example is to be found in Abraham. In the fifteenth chapter of Genesis there is the description of a remarkable meeting of God and Abraham. Abraham had asked God for a sign by which he should know that God would

fulfill His promise. That sign involved a vision in which Abraham saw God as nearly as any man can see Him.

What, then, was the instinctive reaction of Abraham? What effect did that vision have upon him? Was it the ordinary effect that good news has on most people? Did he shout? Was he vcciferous? Or was the reaction more subdued? The text makes it perfectly clear: "And, lo, a horror of great darkness fell upon

The thoughtful worshiper may demur at taking the experience of Abraham as normative for his own. For, in the first place, it was a vision, and visions are not in order today. Even if they were, it is not obvious that visions are safe guides for states of ordinary consciousness.

Second, it was a sign which Abraham may have needed, but which has no immediate application to anyone else.

And third, the revelation or presence of God was so definite and intimate that no one today could reasonably expect its duplication.

Now, although the first two of these three reasons are true enough in themselves, the third rather indicates not so much why as how we may apply the experience of Abraham to ourselves. Even though we do not expect such a definite revelation in this life, the account in Genesis shows how a man actually behaves when face to face with God.

If the manner of others is more carefree, perhaps the reason is that they do not know God as Abraham knew Him; if others really knew God, they might conclude that Abraham's horror was jus-

Therefore, we may ask ourselves the question, "If when so personally revealed, God elicits such a response, what should be our present attitude toward God?" For He is the same unchanging God.

However, not to run the risk of misunderstanding a single illustration, one may turn to Exodus 3:6. Here Moses was confronted by the living God; what was his attitude? "And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God."

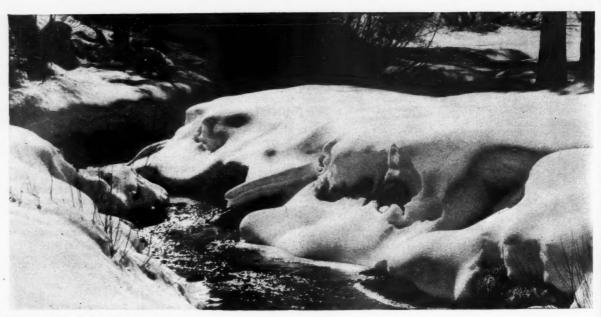
The account of Gideon in Judges 6:22 is similar.

Or one may quickly turn the pages of the Bible and come to Isaiah 6:5 (R.V.). When Isaiah was brought into the presence of God, what did he consider the proper attitude to be? Did he rejoice and sing? Did he take it as good fortune, though somewhat as a matter of course? Did he feel at home? No, the text does not indicate that the common attitudes of everyday life are appropriate, but rather the verse reads: "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the king, Jehovah of hosts."

Now it is easily imagined that someone, particularly if he have leanings toward liberal theology, will argue that these illustrations have all been taken from the Old Testament, and that therefore they do not apply to the present generation. Jesus has come since that time and has taught that God is our Father, that we should have confidence before Him, and that we should no longer look on Him as an Oriental despot after the manner of the Old Testament.

This type of argument is such a confusion of truth, error, and invalid inference that it cannot be disposed of in one breath. The examples so far adduced do not indicate that the men of the Old Testament lacked confidence in God. In fact, Abraham is the outstanding example of faith; and it is also recorded that God

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"Great God of wonders! all Thy ways are matchless, Godlike, and divine . . . "

speaketh unto his friend" (Exod. 33:11). And those who go so far as to use without modification the figure of an Oriental despot are usually guilty of at least a semiconscious misinterpretation.

Of course Jesus taught that God is our Father, and undoubtedly His teaching goes beyond that of the Old Testament; but it "goes beyond" in the sense of explanation. For the New Testament, as many passages indicate (Rom. 1:17; 3:21; 4:Gal. 3:5), does not abrogate but rather completes the Old. It brings to light what was previously obscure, so that the Lord rightly says to us, "O . . . slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken" (Luke 24:25).

The Christian who wishes to have an accurate understanding of the Bible must avoid two extremes. The first extreme deepens the colors of the Old Testament and fades out the colors of the New. It overestimates the severe aspects of the Old Testament by forgetting what is said of loving-kindness and tender mercies, while at the same time it is voluble on the beauty of Jesus and silent on what He said about a generation of vipers, outer darkness, and gnashing of teeth.

This lack of balance, which is characteristic of liberal theology, finally results in a rejection of the Scriptures as the very Word of God, and in a conception of God as love to such an extent as to deny Him sufficient righteousness to punish sin.

The other extreme to be avoided is less dangerous in that it is less attractive. for no one would wish to underestimate the clearer revelation of God as Father which we have in the New Testament. For we "have not received the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but . . . the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father" (Rom. 8:15).

To use an illustration from human affairs, there come to mind two boys, who in addressing their fathers always made

spoke to "Moses face to face, as a man frequent use of the word "Sir." With them it was always, "Yes, Sir"; No, Sir"; "I beg your pardon, Sir."

Perhaps one who is accustomed to more tender language is not capable of passing judgment on such usage; but at first it might seem that respect had passed over into timid servility. The other extreme, however, in which a boy addresses his father as "the old man," is obviously worse.

So then, the Christian must choose his course between these two, maintaining a proper reverence without a spirit of bondage to fear.

lo discover by way of concrete illustration how the New Testament confirms rather than abrogates the Old, one may consider the disciples' relation to Jesus.

At first it would seem that the fear of God had here disappeared into human familiarity. But we must remember that during the earthly life of our Lord, His divine nature was veiled by His human nature. His glory and deity did not clearly shine forth. On one occasion, however, there was a difference. After Jesus had brought Peter, James and John up into a mountain, He was transfigured before them. Even so, Peter managed to sputter some well-intentioned but utterly inappropriate sentences. But while he yet spake, God spoke from heaven, and the Scriptures record that the disciples were sore afraid. They had heard the voice of God

Then, after the earthly ministry had been accomplished, one notes in the first chapters of the Acts the joy and freedom characteristic of the early Christians, and one is tempted to see in this a modification of the fearful attitude of the Old Testament. At the same time, the Holy Spirit, who gives the joy, is not to be trifled with. His joy is not a careless thoughtlessness nor a superficial emotion. The fear of the Lord forms its background.

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This fear need not be exactly the same kind of fear which Paul had in mind when he spoke of the spirit of bondage to fear. Paul was thinking of the fear of the extreme penalty of sin; but the fear of the Lord is not the same as the fear of a penalty.

It is possible that the early Christians, in the first glow of their new zeal, momentarily forgot the lessons of the ancient Scriptures; but God ended their forgetfulness by a serious example. Ananias and Sapphira conspired to lie to the Holy Ghost, and they were on that ac-count stricken dead. Then the apostle records that great fear came upon all that heard it.

Fear rather than hilarity is the proper attitude when a man comes face to face

But how may we tell whether we have the proper attitude; how may we know to avoid both a cheap familiarity and a state of abjection which argues lack of confidence in God?

At first it may be a disappointment to find that the Scriptures spend very little time describing subjective feelings. Regularly, as in Exodus 33 and 34, the account is reserved and objective.

But if the Scriptures give no psychological analysis, how may we judge ourselves? Fortunately there is a very sure method, available to all who ask the question seriously. It is to be observed that Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, and the Christians in Acts did not study, fret or figure how to attain to the proper attitude. The response to God was instinctive, instantaneous, unpremeditated. It was not the result of introspection; it was the result of seeing God.

From this it may be inferred that if we wish to have a proper attitude before God, we should cease to study attitudes and, instead, seek and study God.

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"BEHOLD A LADDER"

By Northcote Deck, M.B.Ch.M., F.R.G.S.

High enough to reach heavenlow enough for us to reach

ND JACOB DREAMED (Gen. 28:12). In the Old Testament, dreams were evidently and often invested by God with divine significance, as in the case of Joseph, Pharaoh and other. This is not true now, for believers have the Scriptures to guide them. But this dream of Jacob's was evidently a revelation from God, a promise and a foreshadowing to him and to all believers.

Of course it was natural for Jacob to dream though he was essentially a man of action and energy. No sooner was he asleep than the world was too small to hold him. It was not big enough for his aspirations; he must get beyond it to the skies. For in spite of all his faults he did have aspirations after spiritual things and God.

It was natural also for Jacob to climb. He had already twice climbed over his brother Esau to steal the birthright and the blessing, which would have come to him in any case. Now he was to learn to climb without cheating, for he had to deal not with a brother, but with angels on the ladder, and God above it. That was new in his experience.

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And life is a climb. "Does the way lead up hill all the way? Yes, to the very end," is true. Yet many indeed there are who have "climbed the steep ascent to heaven," and the question still is, "Who follows in their train" and how?

Well, Jacob evidently had what were God-implanted ambitions, for he must have heard of the prophecy of Genesis 25:23, "The elder shall serve the younger," given at his birth. But, alas, he had been taking his own crooked way to realize that destiny. Now God was going to show him a better way, and to help him "obtain the promise." For the ladder he saw that night he was going to spend his whole after life in climbing, to heaven and to God.

But that ladder of Jacob's dream had its counterpart and evidently its fulfillment in the words recorded in John 1:51: "Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." Here the concept is the same, a way of access to heaven. True, a ladder is not mentioned but a Person, but one is evidently the other. For there is "one [and only one] mediator between God and

ND JACOB DREAMED (Gen. 28:12). In the Old Testament, dreams were evidently and often invested by God with divine significance, as heavenly ladder up to God.

Now every part of a ladder is important, but the two ends are specially so. To be a link between two places, it must come down low enough, and must also reach high enough. So this celestial ladder to be of use to the race, must be accessible to man, and must reach right up to God. For though in olden times God came down from heaven to be with man, now man is to climb to heaven to be with God.

Jacob's ladder, we read, was "set up on the earth." where it would be in the reach of all. It is memorable that the Good Samaritan came to help the "certain man" "where he was." But does this heavenly ladder really reach right down to earth? Was Christ really man as well as God? Had He really taken upon Him "the seed of Abraham" (Heb.2:16)? Well, we are able to call and hear a number of credible witnesses who all unconsciously bear testimony to His real humanity while "in the days of his flesh." Let us hear how they describe Him.

In John 7:15 the Jews ask wonderingly, "How knoweth this man letters?" For He had grown up through the years from youth to manhood in their very midst. They had no doubts at all as to His identity. They regarded Him confidently as "this man."

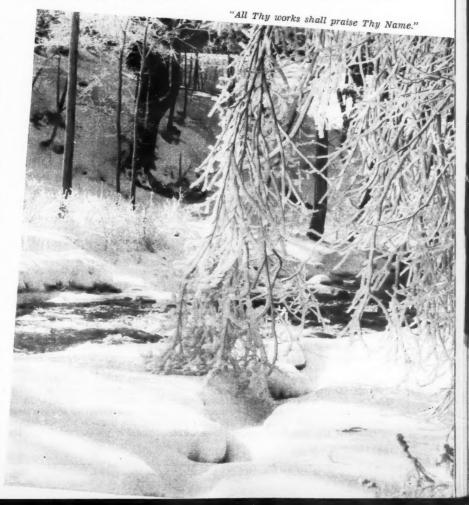
When He came to preach, the officers, though profoundly moved by His message, testified sincerely and simply, "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46). That was the Being He was to them.

In His associations He was supremely human and approachable, for the Pharisees complained and witnessed, "This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them" (Luke 15:2).

Then at the last, *Pilate* was constrained to testify, "I find no fault in this man" (Luke 23:4).

And the dying thief cried in conviction, "This man hath done nothing amiss" (Luke 23:41).

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taneously, they leave no doubt as to the impression His perfect humanity made on all. He was truly the man Christ Jesus, for (sin apart) "it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren" (Heb. 2:17). This heavenly Ladder starts truly from just where we are.

Yet, on the other hand, was the man Christ Jesus really and truly God? As Bishop Moule puts it, "A Christ not quite God would be a ladder broken at the other end." Here again the testimony of those who knew Him intimately is sincere and trustworthy, it is unanimous and convincing.

First let us ask *Nathanael* his impressions of this gracious personage whom he met first in Galilee. He was in no doubt as to His identity and origin. There came immediately the worshipful cry,



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"Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the king of Israel" (John 1:49).

Later, we have *Peter's* considered opinion, after being in Christ's company a year or more. It also comes as a cry of worship, for he was in no doubt at all, he had seen too many evidences of divine power and grace displayed by the Saviour. So he testified: "We believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God" (John 6:69).

Thomas too, in the upper room, doubtful at first of the resurrection, cried just as confidently, "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28).

Then James in terming Him "the Lord of glory" (James 2:1) testified that He is God indeed; while Jude in his turn wrote of Him as "the only wise God our Saviour" (v.25).

Finally John, writing after about sixty years of life in God and the love of God, at the beginning of his Gospel states positively, "The Word was God," and in verse 14. "We beheld his glory . . . as of the only begotten of the Father." John ends his Gospel on the same confident note: "These [things] are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing ye might have

life through his name" (John 20:31).

All of Christ's personal followers accorded Him His true and essential Godhead. So it is abundantly evident this heavenly Ladder reaches to the skies and to the throne of God. Indeed the centurion, standing by the cross, summed up the matter very concisely and clearly for us, "Truly this man was the Son of God."

He was man as well as God. He came down low enough, to where we are. He reaches high enough, to the very heavens. He is available to every sinner in every age. Men can climb on to the Ladder from Bethel, or from Britain, from Syria, or from the Solomons!

All down the ages men have been aspiring to heaven and to a life beyond the grave. Very literally the men of Noah's day set out to erect "a tower whose top may reach to heaven" (Gen. 11:4). The effort was as futile as it was foolish, and ended, as all such efforts must end, in Babel and confusion.

Yet there are many other ladders men have been erecting and depending on to save themselves, to get from here to There! All these so-called religions are religions of demand. Men must do something, must save themselves by good works and churchgoing and moral effort. They depend on human goodness, which is not good enough for a holy God. They do not reach high enough. They end in the air, like the men who erect them.

Only acrobats would attempt to climb a ladder ending in the air! The top of the ladder must be fixed, and the only known fixed point that is adequate and secure is Christ the Son of God. For His salvation is the only gospel of a gift, God giving what men can never of themselves obtain. It is "the gift of God" which "is eternal life."

Men can never erect a ladder long enough to reach to heaven. It must be let down from heaven, and it was. For Christ said continually, "I came down from heaven" (John 6:38).

How then do we gain a footing on this heavenly Ladder? How do we get on to an ordinary ladder? We step on to it. Equally simple is our access to Christ, a step of faith, trusting in His redeeming blood to cleanse us from our sins and make us eternally secure.

Such a step may seem a small act to effect so great a result, but it does! For stepping on to the bottom rung of a ladder takes a man out of one world into another. He is off the earth and into the air! And one step does it!

Just so stepping by an act of faith on to Christ, the heavenly Ladder, putting our trust in Him as strong enough and secure enough, depending thereby on Him for pardon and cleansing in His precious blood, brings about many happy and startling results.

It brings us into a new position, and security. We are at once "translated" from the "power of darkness," our old sphere, "into the kingdom of his [God's] dear Son" (Col. 1:13). We have the new and eternal status of being "in Christ." And happily a man on the bottom rung of the Ladder is just as much on the Lad-

der, and therefore secure, as those on the top rung who are just about to step into heaven! For here it is a question of status and position and not attainment.

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We enter also at once on new privileges, being in living contact with the Son of God. Thus constant and intimate communion and fellowship with God is open to us as we "abide in Christ."

A new purpose becomes ours, to climb and keep on climbing, on hands and knees. For who ever heard of a person on a ladder not wishing to climb to the top! Yes indeed, "let us go on!" (Heb. 6:1). This Ladder is called "a new and living way" (Heb. 10:20), and truly it is new indeed to the sinner, and it is living and lasting to the saint.

Finally, let us note the four beholds which accentuated Jacob's vision. They signify progressive stages in experience. They come to us not only as introductions, but as loving commands.

Behold a ladder! This, as we have seen, is the introductory sight. It is addressed to sinners and seekers. It corresponds to John the Baptist's initial announcement, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). It introduces sinners to the Saviour and initiates all that is to follow. It needs the response of faith, "Lord, I believe." Behold the angels! These mysterious

Behold the angels! These mysterious beings form the background of our spiritual life. Not much is told about them, though they are very real and very needful. They must remain in the background that Christ may have the pre-eminence and lest we might be diverted from "looking unto Jesus." "Are they not ministering spirits?" They are here to keep the feet of those who are climbing the Ladder.

We who are "heirs of salvation" might well remember there are ladders the angels never tread. You will not find them on the social or political ladder, nor the ladders of gain or selfishness. They have had no part in obtaining our salvation, nor do they tell of it, though they may give messages to those that do.

Behold "I am with thee, . . . whither thou goest" (Gen. 28:15). How comforting, how reassuring. The Ladder is also the Leader, the Way is also the Life, the silent Opener of the door. Of old, "Jesus himself drew near, and went with them" (Luke 24:15). He does so still! Do we realize in what blessed company we climb? The two going to Emmaus did not. But our eyes need not be holden. Walk often to Emmaus, Christian friend. Recapture again the rapture of their blessed companionship. Join the company of the "burning hearts."

Finally and supremely, behold the Lord! Here surely is the ultimate objective of the Christian life. It seems to correspond to the Baptist's second announcement in John's Gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God." Here is no mention of His taking away sins. He had done that already for those addressed, for these were not strangers but disciples.

The initial look of faith upon the Lamb which saves from sin is to give place to further sights of the Son of God

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The Christian Faces the Atomic Age

By Earl B. Reb



the Atomic Age—which was launched upon the world at Hiroshima on August 5, 1945.

There have been other ages of power—steam and electricity, for example—but this age of atomic power bids fair to be the most decisive, not only scientifically, but spiritually.

The discovery of and further experimentation with atomic power have brought a variety of reactions. Some people condemn the whole project and would scrap it to solve the problem. Others would freeze atomic power at its present stage of development and control it as tightly as though locked in a vault. Some ignore the problem and take their chances on whatever comes, hoping for the best, while others would commit suicide so as not to face the Atomic Age. But there are many who favor the development of atomic energy, for in it they see not bombs, but industrial and medical progress.

Just where may the Christian stand on the problem? Should he oppose, ignore or support atomic experimentation?

In the present confused picture, when atomic energy has been demonstrated almost entirely by bombs, it may seem difficult for a Christian to encourage an Atomic Age. Certainly, there may be some aspects which he can never support. But the same general circumstances still surround the other discoveries of science, such as electricity, which may light homes, run machines, carry the voice, and transport man; or may be destructively used to detonate bombs or electrocute an innocent man.

The problem with atomic energy is hardly different. As Christians have faced the ages of steam and electrical power,

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so they must face the age of atomic power. We as Christians must distinguish the good from the evil aspects in every age and in every invention. We must not oppose or ignore from prejudice or blindness, as the Church has sometimes done, for then we destroy the benefits along with the disadvantages. Beneficial aspects must not be scrapped along with detrimental ones.

Think of the folly of condemning and eradicating the electrical age! In so doing, we would eliminate, among other things, the automobile, airplane, telegraph, telephone and radio—all of which have been used of the Lord to spread and speed the gospel of Christ, to redeem souls, as well as to perform countless other beneficial services. We must eliminate the tares of science, but at the same time must be careful not to destroy the wheat.

So it is with the Atomic Age. Let us not upset our sense of values. Let us not grow sentimental if some animals be sacrificed in atomic energy experiments so that man may live through the resulting radioactive discoveries made by the analysis of radiation effects on the animals. We must not sanction indiscriminate slaughter of animals at any time, but we may sanction strategic sacrifice so that a human life may be spared. I believe this is a scriptural principle, and furthermore, I would as soon have a pig sacrificed at Bikini as at Chicago.

Let us recognize and promote the beneficial effects of atomic energy while condemning the destructive use of atomic energy. Let us discriminate, as we must do in every age, and realize that beneficial, peacetime results may issue even from so-called "military" experiments.

Christianity will benefit from atomic research by using its medical advances

Explosion of the Baker Day bomb at Bikini Lagoon. Gendreau photo.

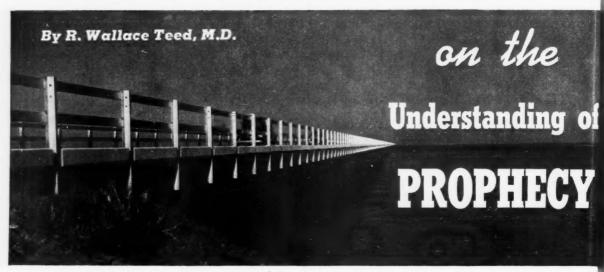
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(skin cancer is already being cured by radioactivity), as well as its host of technological developments in many other fields, not only as we unlock power, but as we learn more about the structure and behavior of the atom. Radioactivity has opened up an entirely new field of science whose results we hardly dare prophesy.

But if this is to be our Christian attitude toward the Atomic Age, what is to be our action? We may not perform radiation experiments, nor become human guinea pigs for the scientist. Should we attend rallies, write our Congressman, vote for atomic control boards and plans? We may have to do one or more of these since we live in a non-Christian world. But there is a far more important work for every Christian to do—that of witnessing for Christ and the gospel, in order to save souls, and to interpret the implications of the Atomic Age in terms of God's Word.

We know that man-made committees, councils, control boards and programs of action are necessary in the world as it is, but we also know that these are not sufficient nor effective to cope with the root of the problem of atomic energy control, for the human heart is the root of the problem. Only as the human heart is changed can the atom be properly controlled. It is the heart that determines man's action. Call it heart, soul, spirit or innerman—it is still the moral and spiritual part of man that determines

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The beginning of Florida's seven-mile bridge, one of the longest spans connecting the Keys with the mainland. Gendreau photo.

DESIRE to know the future is inherent in the human mind, but few have been able to penetrate the veil with any accuracy for more than a short period.

To a few ancient Hebrew prophets, however, were given visions of the far distant future, although they themselves did not realize the full implication of their words. Daniel, for example, wrote: "My cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart" (Dan. 7:28). In Daniel 12:8 he says: "And I heard, but I understood not."

Some of these old prophecies have been

fulfilled, but many others are still awaiting fulfillment. Today, as in the past, people are trying to unravel

as they sometimes are in highly poetic and picturesque language. There must be a key to the understanding of them. There would not be a number of presentations of this sort with no possibility of their being understood. That such a key does exist, this essay will endeavor to demonstrate.

N THE FIRST PLACE, it should be understood that these prophecies were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Peter states: "For the prophecy came not . . . by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (II Pet. 1:21). Paul adds: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (II Tim. 3:16). Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, "was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied" about Christ (Luke 1:67).

Sinze it is evident that the moving person in the field of prophecy is the third person of the Trinity, it must be assumed that the matter disclosed is authoritative both as to content and concept. This can be affirmed regarding prophecies already fulfilled, and can safely be relied on regarding prophecies yet unrealized. revolves about a Person, and until this

Likewise, the unique origin of prophecy should insure that all of the material given would be harmonious as to content and concept. A careful study of prophecy reveals such a harmony, and difficulties arise only when certain concepts are not accepted

Faith in the Word carries with it a responsibility to accept these concepts, even as the prophets accepted their responsibility in enunciating them. Jeremiah, for example, was daily held in derision for his message, yet he said: "But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not fact is accepted, no real understanding of it is possible. After His resurrection, Christ joined two of the disciples walking along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, and listened to their interested account of the recent happenings in Jerusalem, climaxed by the resurrection. "Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken . . . and beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke

Shortly afterward, He appeared to the disciples at Jerusalem, and told them

"that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the

psalms," concerning Himself. Then, Luke adds significantly, He opened "their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures."

It must thus be apparent that an understanding of the Scriptures, which include prophecy, is based on the realization that the prophets wrote about Christ. The disciples probably knew much of the Scripture by heart, having heard it read every Sabbath in the synagogue, but they did not truly understand its message until they realized that Christ was its central personality.

One should point out that Christ also said: "All things must be fulfilled" (Luke 24:44), which would include the prophecies about Him yet unfulfilled.

John, seeing in vision the marriage of the Lamb (Rev. 19:7-10), fell down at the feet of the angel, but the angel would not accept his worship, and replied rather: "Worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." Without doing violence to the last phrase, one may invert it for emphasis thus: "The spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus." In other words, the spirit which gives prophecy life and meaning is the testimony of the life and redemptive work of Christ. Without Him,

A fourfold key to the prophetic scriptures

the meaning of these utterances, couched stay" (Jer. 20:9). For giving out this message, he was eventually put into prison, as was Hanani in Asa's time (II Chron. 16:10).

Ezekiel also, given a message of "lamentations, and mourning, and woe" (Ezek. 2:10), nevertheless "went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit, but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me" (Ezek. 3:14). To him, it meant even the loss of family: "So I spake unto the people in the morning; and at even my wife died" (Ezek. 24:18), that he might "be a sign unto them" (Ezek. 24:27). 'be a sign unto them"

Amos propounded the question: "The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?" (Amos 3:8).

If these men were willing to suffer for declaring the prophecies, the least we can do is to accept them in the same spirit.

It would appear necessary, then, that the student accept the divine authorship not only of prophetic content, but also of prophetic concept, even though it may be at variance with humanistic and materialistic views now widely held.

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prophecy is lifeless, meaningless, and useless.

We moderns frequently condemn the Jews of Christ's time for failing to recognize Him as the fulfillment of the prophetic writings. They knew that Messiah was to come, but they were thinking of Him in terms of a victorious King, restoring Israel to a position of world power and authority, and their eyes were closed to prophecies such as Psalm 22 and Isaiah 53, which picture Him as a vicarious sufferer. Nevertheless He came and fulfilled His prophetic mission even as the prophets had said.

There are many more prophecies referring to Messiah's second coming than to His first, and all signs point to a rather imminent fulfillment of these prophecies. Yet there are many today who are entirely unwilling to accept them, even while condemning the ancient Jew. Nevertheless He is coming, and this time He will be no suppliant, but will destroy His enemies and establish His kingdom in righteousness, peace, justice, and prosperity.

As the majority of ancient Jews completely misunderstood the purpose of His first advent, just so the majority of people today appear to be in total ignorance of the significance of the second. It will be, nevertheless, the most earth-shaking event since creation. It will alter every concept of human government and control, and will for the first time in history abolish war.

There is widespread acceptance of the humanistic view that this Golden Age will be brought about by the Church, but such a view finds no support in the Scriptures. In fact, one can understand the prophecies concerning the millennial kingdom only by realizing that Christ is the only one capable of fulfilling them.

It would thus appear that both we and the ancient Jews have erred at the same point; they failed to see the Christ of prophecy in His redemptive role; we fail to see Him in His monarchial role. However, just as at His first coming there were those who recognized and received Him, so there are many now who eagerly anticipate His return as King.

In the third place, prophecy was given in order to proclaim and to emphasize the absolute sovereignty of God over the world. Through Isaiah He says: "I am God, and there is none like me. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isa. 46:9,10). Prophecy is here noted as a proof of the uniqueness and absolute power of the Monarch God. However much power other kings have had, or may have, none has ever been able to foretell the future in this way.

Through Isaiah God asks: "Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that showeth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words" (Isa. 41:26). Prophecy is here set forth as a proof of God's righteousness and willingness to hear prayer.

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In Isaiah 45:21 it is used to prove the redemptive power of God: "Who hath declared this from ancient time? who hath told it from that time? have not I the Lord? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me."

He goes on in verse 23 to say: "I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." God, who is the creative sovereign of the universe, does not intend to allow His enemies to desecrate it forever. He has sworn by Himself, the most binding oath possible, that His sovereignty will some day be complete, even over men, and all that are incensed against Him "shall be ashamed" (v. 24).

Prophecy is also to be used as a test of the divinity of other gods. Through Isaiah (41:23) God says: "Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods." In Isaiah 42:8, 9 he says: "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold . . . new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them"

It should be borne in mind that the days of graven images are not past. In the tribulation period (Rev. 13:14,15) an image of the Antichrist will be erected, which will both speak and cause those not worshiping it to be killed. However, if it foretold the future at all, it would tell of Antichrist's defeat and desolation.

God continues through Isaiah (48:5) saying: "I have even from the beginning declared it to thee . . . lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them."

It is thus clear that the ability to predict the future is a unique attribute of God, and a proof of His sovereignty. Conversely, a lack of this ability is proof of the spuriousness of false gods. Some religious leaders of the past, also, have sought to establish themselves by prophecy, but a few years' time was all that was needed to consign them to oblivion.

In the fourth place, an understanding of prophecy depends, to some extent, on an appreciation of the time factor. This has always been a difficult problem, since the prophecies were given [Continued on page 436]

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ven the book of Jonah has not provoked more widely differing opinions than the Song of Solomon. Is it just an oriental love song, the love frankly sensual after the oriental pattern? If so, how did such a book get into the Bible? Is it an allegory of religious experience, as some say, of the history of Israel, or of the Church, as others say? But even in that case, why should the Bible have an allegory that describes love in such fashion? Does the book really belong in the Bible? If it does, what is its meaning and purpose and value?

The best way to answer such questions is to let the book speak for itself. Given a fair hearing, it will authenticate itself as primarily a love story; a dramatic, poetic delineation of true, pure love of a man and a woman for each other.

If it were no more than that, the Song of Solomon would have moral beauty and spiritual value of a high order. But it is more than that. Without making an allegory of it, we may be able to see in it something of what many saintly and scholarly Christians have found—an illustration of the wonder of the divine love and of the loving relationship with God into which those should enter who have been saved by His grace in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Him, man comes to know and to love God, and so to find the supreme fulfillment of the religion of the Bible, Old Testament and New. Of this supreme fulfillment, we may find an earthly and human, but very beautiful, illustration in the story of the love of a man and a woman for each other, told in the Song

of Solomon.

The book, with its story of a human love so strong and pure and true, "taxes the spiritual quality of the reader," to quote Dr. W. M. Anderson. Dr. Campbell Morgan says that the man who does not like this book "has never been in love and probably never will be."

But this is not the real test the book holds for us. Dr. C. I. Scolled says: "Nowhere in Scripture does the unspiritual mind tread upon ground so mysterious and incomprehensible, while the saintliest men and women of all ages have found in it a source of pure and

exquisite delight."

The letters of the Scotch preacher Samuel Rutherford are devotional classics, and they are full of this book. The author of one of our most beautiful hymns, "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts," was Bernard of Clairvaux, who wrote eighty-six sermons on the first two chapters of the Song of Solomon before he died, and charged his favorite disciple Gilbert to continue his unfinished work. But Gilbert died before he got through the fifth chapter, with three untouched. Origen wrote what Jerome considered his best commentary, ten volumes on these eight chapters.

Two things should be said before the story of the book is told.

First, if you have never read the Song of Solomon in the Revised Version, by all means do so. You will not find in it the expressions that have given to some read-

THE SONG of SOLOMON

By W. Twyman Williams, D. D.

A unique interpretation of an unusual book

ers of the King James Version a prejudice against the book.

Second, the title does not necessarily mean that Solomon wrote this book. It is good to think that he did—that he was great enough to write such a contrast and rebuke to his own polygamous life. But the title may with perfect faithfulness to the Hebrew be read as "The Song of Songs, which is to Solomon" (dedicated to him), or "for Solomon" (addressed to him), or even "of Solomon" (about him), though he is not the main, nor by any means the most admirable, character in the story.

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The first verse is the title: "The Song of Songs, which is Solomon's." The structure shows it to be a poetic drama in three acts. This is seen more easily, yet still not plainly enough, in the Revised Version. The end of Act 1 and the end of Act 2 are both marked by the same verse, which is still a third time repeated, and is, as we shall see, of the utmost significance to the author's purpose.

Act 1 takes place in Solomon's palace at Jerusalem, and opens with a chorus of the palace women in praise of Solomon. The gist of this chorus is, Who wouldn't

love King Solomon?

The palace women get an unexpected answer. There is unwillingly in the palace—we shall presently be told how it happened—a girl called the Shulamite, probably from the name of her native village. She speaks up apologetically but positively, saying that she knows her sun tan looks really black in comparison with their fair complexions; that her brothers made her keep their vineyard; that thus she had not kept a vineyard of her own.

This vineyard, as near the end of the drama she plainly says and here leaves to be easily inferred, is more than her complexion. It is her shepherd, whom her soul loves. Where is he now with his flock? Would that she were there, for she has no reason to hide their love!

Sarcastically the women of the palace answer: "Fairest among women, if you don't know where he is, all you have to do is go look for the flock!"

Solomon enters and speaks. He calls her "my dear." His word is hardly to be translated "my love," and is quite

another word than the one she uses of her shepherd, her "beloved." He compares her to one of the spirited steeds of the chariot Pharaoh had given him, compliments her cheeks and her neck, framed with the plaits of her hair, and promises silver and gold ornaments.

She does not want them. She has something more precious—the fragrant little memento of her shepherd which she carries on the simple chain around her neck. Perhaps she puts her hand upon it as she answers: "While the king sat at his table, my spikenard sent forth its fragrance. My beloved is unto me as a bundle of myrrh, that lieth betwixt my breasts. My beloved is unto me as a cluster of henna flowers in the vineyards of Engedi."

Solomon looks at her admiringly. "You are lovely, my dear, you are lovely. Your

eyes are like doves."

"It is my beloved who is lovely." And she pictures their trysting place, the greensward, overarched by cedars and firs. There she is at home; here in the royal palace she feels as out of place as the humble crocus of the plain or Jily of the valley.

"Even if you are like the humble llly, my dear, you are a lily among thorns," says Solomon, with a glance at the other

women.

The Shulamite is not impressed. Her reply is not uncomplimentary to anyone, as was the king's comparison to the women of the palace, but it is so discouraging to him that he gives up for the time and leaves her. She is too occupied with her shepherd, who is "as the apple tree among the trees of the wood," with her memories of their love and of their happiness together.

When Solomon has gone, she turns to the women and says the significant thing we shall hear her say twice again: "I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, or by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake love, until he please." She is saying that love is not a thing to be bought or forced or pretended, but a thing to come spontaneously, to be given freely and sincerely.

The remainder of chapter 2 is her reminiscence of a spring day when her shepherd lover had come for her, his love inspiring him to real poetry.

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Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land; the fig tree ripeneth her green figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth their fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the steep place, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.'

She tried to say that he had better be thinking of the little foxes and how to prevent the damage they would do to the vineyards. But she did not get far with that, and broke off to answer as she felt: "My beloved is mine, and I am his." And as she thought of him with his flock among the lilies, her heart cried to him: "Until the day be cool, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether [separation]."

The first four verses of chapter 3 are her account of a dream she had one night after she was carried off to the king's palace in Jerusalem. In the dream she had gone about the city seeking "him whom my soul loveth," and finding him at last had gone with him to her mother's home. With the next verse the first act ends, that thrice-repeated verse already quoted and found again at the end of the second act.

Act 2 takes place in Solomon's summer pavilion on Mount Lebanon, and begins with a chorus of villagers welcoming the king and his retinue on

Chapter 4 relates Solomon's second attempt at love-making, in which he waxes eloquent over the Shulamite's charms. Her eyes, even behind her veil, are like doves, as he had said before; her hair, like a flock of goats lying on Gilead mountainside; her teeth, like a flock of

ewes newly shorn and freshly washed, perfect pairs with none missing: her lips. like a scarlet thread; her temples, like a piece of a pomegranate behind her veil; her neck, like the tower of David ornamented with the shields of his mighty men; her breasts, like fawns, twins of a gazelle, that feed among the lilies.

But his compliments make no impression, so he leaves her to her memories and dreams, which are like myrrh and frankincense to her. For waking or sleeping, she has her shepherd in her thoughts, and again, in contrast with King Solomon's, she recalls his lovemaking. Here also is poetry of rare beauty, in the remaining verses of chapter 4 and the first verse of chapter 5.

She remembers how, with love as pure as ardent, he had called her "my sister, my bride"; had said that she is "a spring shut up, a fountain sealed," in tribute to her purity and fidelity; and had likened her to a garden of beautiful flowers and "pleasant fruits" and "all the chief spices"-all of which, she breaks in on his praises to say, are for him only. She seems to hear him answer that no less than ever he is sure of it, sure of it even though she is in King Solomon's palace.

THE HAS ANOTHER DREAM, Which next morning she relates to the palace women. She was asleep but her heart waked, and she heard her shepherd's voice at her door back in her village home. She pretended to be unwilling to get up and dress and go with him. But when she could keep up the pretense no longer and went to the door, he was gone.

She started out to look for him, and, after the strange way of dreams, found herself not in her village, but in the city. Presently, making her way along its unfamiliar streets, she found herself in the ungentle hands of the watchmen.

Waking from this nightmare, she asks the palace women to tell her beloved, should they find him, how truly she loves

They have become interested, and they want to know, "What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women?"

What a chance to sing his praises, and how she does it! She proves herself a poet too, and if Solomon had heard her description of her shepherd lover, he would not have wondered that his own compliments to her charms made so little impression. Omitting her beautifully poetic comparisons descriptive of her shepherd, let us note only how she sums it all up: "the chiefest among ten thousand . . altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem." Perfection, nothing less.

Now the women of the palace are really interested. They ask: "Whither is thy beloved gone, O thou fairest among women?" Not what is he, their question now is where is he, this paragon? "Whither hath thy beloved turned him, that we may seek him with thee?" But their offer is declined with thanks. Wherever he may be, he is hers even as she is his.

Enters Solomon again. "You are fair, you are fair, O my dear, as Tirzah, comely as Jerusalem," he begins. Then as he sees the look in her eyes, he adds a new comparison: "Terrible as an army with banners. Turn away your eyes from me, for they make me afraid."

Not so afraid, however, that he does not go on. Her teeth are like that flock of ewes, as he had said before; her temples are like a piece of a pomegranate, as also he had already observed.

But he sees that he is not getting anywhere with this, so he tries something else. "There are sixty queens and eighty concubines, and maidens without number, but you, my dove, my perfect one, you are the only one for me. There is no one like you. Even the queens and the concubines praise you."

They have something to say to that. "Even if she does deserve all this praise from the king, why should she put on such airs that he would call her 'terrible as an army with banners'? Here she is, just as we are, in the royal harem."

"Yes," answers the Shulamite, "but you know how that happened. I was there in the vineyard, seeing whether the vines were budding and the pomegranates in flower, when the first thing I knew the king's chariots came along. I tried to get out of the way, but-

"That is true," interruptes the palace women, "and when the guards seized you, we laughed and called to you to come and let us have a look at you."

"Why do you wish to look upon the Shulamite? I am not like the dancer yonder, doing the dance of Mahanaim.

"No. you are not. You are a peasant girl and she is a prince's daughter, with a beauty you could never have." And the chorus of women go into a description of the dancer's physical charms, concluding with the statement, "The king is held captive in her tresses."

But the king is not even looking at her. He is looking at the Shulamite, and he uses bolder language now, perhaps tries to suit action to words, to embrace and kiss her. But when he says anticipatively. "Thy mouth [is] like the best wine," she

interrupts quickly, saying, "That goeth down smoothly for my beloved . . . I am my beloved's; and his desire is toward me."

Solomon accepts his defeat and leaves her to her thoughts of her shepherd lover. Perhaps, still more magnanimous, he not only releases her, but sends for her shepherd to escort her home. Anyway, here is another passage of exquisite beauty, whether it is her reminiscence of a former tryst, or whether it is her greeting when he comes to take her away from the royal pavilion on Lebanon.

"Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field; let us lodge in the villages . . at our gates are all manner of pleasant fruits, new and old, which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved." Her shepherd had called her his sister. So she says: "O that thou wert as my brother . . . when I should find thee without, I would kiss thee; yea, and none would despise me. I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother's house.'

And as she thinks of being again with him there, nothing now to separate them, she has one last thing to say to the women of the palace, the significant thing she had already said to them twice: "I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake love, until he please." And here ends Act 2.

THE THIRD AND FINAL ACT takes place at the Shulamite's native village. It opens with a chorus of villagers asking, Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?"

The shepherd speaks: "There is the apple tree under which you first knew that you loved me. And there is your mother's cottage, where you were born."

The Shulamite answers: "Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as Sheol; the flashes thereof are flashes of fire, a very flame of Jehovah. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, he would utterly be contemned." She knew, this peasant girl who had been offered the dazzling gifts of Solomon the

But her brothers want to be sure. They speak now to remind her of what they had said when she was an immature girl. If, when she came to maturity and was sought in marriage, she was a wall, they would dower her with silver, proud of her virtue. If she was a door, they would hide her away in shame.

She answers that she is a wall, that she has proved her character, as Solomon himself had recognized. Let him have his famous vineyard at Baal-hamon with its fabulous production. "My vineyard, which is mine, is before me," she says, looking at her shepherd.

And her shepherd thinks that there has been enough talking. "Thou that dwellest in the gardens," he says to her, "the companions hearken for thy voice:

cause me to hear it."

She is as ready as he to be alone with him. In Solomon's palace, she had called to him to come over the mountains of [Continued on page 422]

Wonders of Thy Grace By LOUISE BONE EAVEY Lord Jesus, sovereign grace abounds with wonders That Thou should'st stoop to save a soul like me, That Thou should st stoop to save a soul like me,
When 'twas Thy hand that stretched the starry heavens, And like a carpet spread the rolling sea; In Thee are hid the treasures of all wisdom, The wonder of the atom's safe control; Yet my heart rests in Thee who died to ransom Sweet wonder of Thy love that sought me straying! And rose to justify my guilty soul; Sweet grace bestowed on me, deserving ill! Blest Advocate, who intercedes in glory, Conduct me to the center of Thy will; Twill be the crowning wonder of Thy grace When, raptured, I shall see Thy blessed facel

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And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.—Malachi 3:17

HE SCRIPTURES represent the people of God by means of many lovely and endearing figures of speech, but Malachi 3:17 contains one of the most beautiful and fitting.

In the Revised Version the word is "treasure," but the Authorized is proper, for the ancient treasures of monarchs consisted largely of jewels. As we meditate on gems, we shall discover a remarkable analogy with the experience and character of God's people.

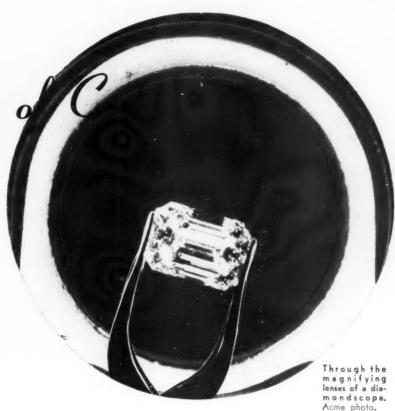
The procurement of famous gems is crowded with sacrifice, suffering, adventure and mystery. Treasure seekers have sailed the seas, scaled towering mountains, trudged across continents and searched out the remotest places. No sacrifice, toil or cost has been too great for some treasure seekers.

The Kohinoor diamond, the most famous of gems, was probably found in a river of India in the ancient past. For a while the rajahs treasured it and took it from one another by conquest. When the Moguls invaded India, it was set in an eye of the Peacock Throne of Delhi.

When Nadir Shah, the Persian, took the capital, a woman of the harem revealed that the dethroned Mohammed had the gem in the folds of his turban. The Persian pretended friendship and restored the kingdom to Mohammed. The invader proposed that the rulers exchange turbans as a gesture of friendship, and when Nadir Shah examined the turban of Mohammed, he found the diamond and cried out, "Kohinoor," which means "mountain of light."

Nadir took the stone to Persia, but was murdered. An heir who possessed the gem was imprisoned. A plaster crown was put on his head and filled with boiling oil, but the owner kept the secret. This man then exchanged Kohinoor for aid from the Afghan king.

When the diamond was inherited by a grandson of that king, the owner was imprisoned by his brother. The former hid the gem in the plaster of the cell



Why does God call His people jewels? An illuminating and inspiring study.

wall, but a guard found it and gave it to the ruler, who wore the stone on his breast. The new possessor was later expelled and fled to a powerful potentate. This ruler imprisoned and starved the wife of the owner until the stone was sold to him for \$40,000 and a small an-

nuity.

Later, the famous diamond was kept in the treasury at Lahore, until the British got it by conquest. Kohinoor is now safeguarded in the jewel room of the Tower of London.

The Regent or Pitt diamond has a fabulous history. In 1701 a mine laborer found it in Central India. To keep it safe, he cut the stone into the flesh of his leg and covered the wound with a bandage. He obtained passage to a distant land on a ship, but the English skipper discovered the diamond, threw the slave to the sharks and sold the gem to a Parsee merchant for \$5,000, who resold it to Sir Thomas Pitt for \$100,000.

In 1717 the Duke of Orleans bought the stone for \$600,000. The Regent was pledged to Holland to finance the Napoleonic wars, but Napoleon redeemed it and had it mounted in the hilt of his sword. Today it is treasured at the Louvre.

Jesus Christ, the greatest treasure seeker of all history, counted no suffering, toil or price too great in the procurement of the jewels of God. He journeyed from

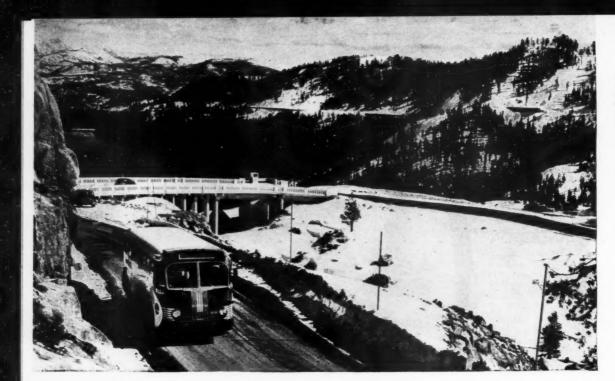
the throne of heaven to Bethlehem, but we were not there. He traversed the hill-sides, cities and villages of Palestine. He went to the temple, the synagogues and to Pilate's Hall, but we were not there. At last He descended into the pit of death, and there He found the crown jewels at an infinite cost. As priceless gems are obtained from the black recesses of a mine or a pit in some river bed, likewise we were brought up from the pit of sin and death.

The preparation of gems is fascinating. Many stones are rough and unattractive in their native state. Sometimes only the eye of an expert can detect their potential beauty and value.

The largest of all diamonds, the Cullinan, was found in South Africa by a man who noticed a glittering fragment in the wall of the mine. The Transvaal government bought it for \$800,000 and presented it to King Edward VII on his birthday. Experts decided to split the stone, because of a dark spot in the center. The king wanted to see it before the cutting, and when the monarch held the diamond in his hands he said, "This is a great curiosity; but I should have kicked it aside as a lump of glass, if I had seen it in the road."

In Brazil the gold prospectors often
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A Greyhound bus traveling on a mountain highway. James A. Lawrence photo.

MIRACLE ON A BUS

By Elizabeth Sharp

was sitting in a bus headed for Mount Vernon, Wash., where I was to visit my sister-in-law for a few days. A young woman who had boarded the bus after me at Seattle was seated next to me. She smoked cigarettes, leaning across to flick the ashes out of the window partly open at my side. When she exhaled the smoke she was careful to turn her face away. She asked me if the smoke bothered me, and I could truthfully answer with a smile that it did not. Once when the blast of wind at the window blew the ashes in over my lap, she drew in her breath regretfully and looked at me. But I was leaning back half asleep and did not seem to notice.

My desire was to witness to her about Christ. But if I become legal about the matter of witnessing I am bound in spirit. If I remember how evangelists say accusingly to Christians, "When did you last win a soul to Christ?" I am sunk with a millstone of reproach about my neck. A sense of guilt definitely will not permit me to breathe the air of the liberty of the Spirit.

If I begin to say to myself, "I ought to witness to this stranger," all power drains from me and I must exert the greatest effort to force myself to speak. When by iron determination I get a few words out, they are such as to leave both the stranger and myself speechless with embarrassment. The only consolation I get out of such an encounter is the self-approving thought that at least I'did my

A thrilling story of God's guidance and blessing

duty. How heaven might regard such good works I will not here discuss.

The question of how to engage my seatmate in a conversation which might lead to deeper things bothered me. When I mentioned the acres of strawberries ripening in the sun beyond the bus window, she was courteous but showed no interest.

She took a snapshot of a baby's face from her handbag and looked down at it a long time. I could have commented about the baby, but I did not. The question I could have asked as to where she was going, also stuck in my throat.

I have learned when words stick in my throat it is because the Holy Spirit does not authorize them. Accordingly, as I leaned back in my bus seat, I deliberately put away from me all legal impulses and looked to the Lord alone to do in me that which He pleased.

We were a few miles from Mount Vernon. I opened my handbag to see what tracts I had there and singled out "Seven Things You Ought to Know." It had boldly printed headings which I knew my seatmate could easily catch if she had a mind to. Then I settled down

to read the tract, holding it where she could see it and turning the pages slowly.

As I remember, the first heading read something like this: "You Ought to Know Your Condition Before God"; the second, "You Ought to Know How You Can Be Saved"; the third, "You Ought to Know How to Live the Christian Life"; the fourth, "You Ought to Know How to Read the Bible"; the fifth, "You Ought to Know How to Pray"; the sixth, "You Ought to Know How to Serve God," and the seventh, "You Ought to Know How to Find the Will of God for Your Life."

We were drawing near Mount Vernon. I looked out of the window, closed the booklet, and started to assemble my things.

"Pardon me," said the young woman, "but what was that you were reading?"

From then on it was easy. I gave her the tract and told her she was welcome to keep it. I asked her if she were a Christian, and when she hesitantly said she couldn't say she was, I told her what a Friend Christ had been to me, how great the joy and peace He had brought me. Her face took on a startled look.

"Yes, I suppose it must be wonderful," she said.

The bus stopped at the Mount Vernon station. The young woman got off the bus ahead of me, several people pushing in between us. I thought to myself, "If she really wants to hear any more she will be waiting for me." When I got off I looked around. Yes, there she stood. I went over to her.

"Do you live here?" I asked. She replied that she was going to another town and that she had to catch another bus from Mount Vernon.

"Are you in a hurry?" she asked. "I'd like to talk with you."

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was three o'clock in the afternoon and I did not need to be at my destination until six. The young woman inquired for her bus and found that it did not go out from Mount Vernon till near six. We had a long time ahead of us.

"If this isn't a coincidence, meeting you," she murmured. "Let's find a place where we can talk." We finally found a booth in an eating place where we ordered milk shakes.

"You must be wondering what this is all about," she said.

"Are you in trouble?" I asked.

She nodded.

"Are you burdened over your sins?" I asked, directing a shot in the dark.

Her eyes brimmed with tears and her lips trembled.

"So burdened that I can't sleep nights," she answered.

She took out a cigarette, lit it, and put it in her mouth. She was much younger and smaller than I had first realized, just a girl.

"Well," I said, "I know a good remedy for sin," and I leaned over to open my valise and get out my Bible which I laid on the table between us.

I am glad I have been through deep waters on the sin problem in my own life. I am glad it is not simply a platitude with me that the blood of Jesus does cleanse from all sin. I know and am not ashamed of the gospel. It does do that which God says it will do.

Nevertheless, as I brought one glorious text after another before the girl and told her to read it, her eyes still remained clouded and her voice still uncertain. I saw that there lay here more than met the eye and that the girl would have to unburden her mind before she could concentrate on the Word. I asked a few leading questions.

She told me she was married and lived in Seattle. After the birth of her baby the previous year, she had suddenly become conscience-stricken over her past sins and over the emptiness and deceit-fulness of her heart. A mental breakdown came. She had spent months in hospitals and under psychiatrists' care, but had received no real benefit from them, rather harm, for they had put ideas in her head as to her relationship with her husband which had never occurred to her before.

When she finally returned to take over the care of her baby, the root of her trouble, which lay in her terrible sense of guilt, was still uncured. Nor could she speak of it to anyone who cared to listen. She had decided she was lost and hopeless

I asked her to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour, to take the free gift of salvation and pardon which He profered, to yield herself to a life of obedience to Him. She said she would like to, but she hesitated.

Across the way at a near-by table a woman and a girl snickered at the open Bible and the evident seriousness of our conversation. They left.

I urged my friend to receive Christ immediately there in the booth. She said she did not know how. Patiently I went over the ground again. Still she put off

the decision.

By this time I was determined not to let her go until she did this one allimportant thing. I knew that she must be revolving in her mind the consequences of such an act and there were still reservations which she had not told me.

Finally she made up her mind. She buried her face in her hands in silent prayer. Then she lifted it again. I brought all possible assurance of the Word to establish her in her new faith and walk.

"Well," she said, "this means there's something I have to do. And it's rather late. My husband will be frantic when he comes home and finds me gone. He doesn't know where I am."

Then the whole truth came out. She had left Seattle that day without intending to return.

"What would you say," she said, "if I told you that I had intended taking my life?"

Well, it was nearly six o'clock and she had to catch a bus back to Seattle. Together we walked to the bus station where she telephoned to let her husband know she would be arriving home late. She just had time to board a bus.

Now that which lifted up my heart to something like the seventh heaven was the following circumstance. I had not planned to come to Mount Vernon at all. My father, who had been expecting to drive there, had been forced to give up his intention and had told me so at dinner the night before. I thought of the many promises we had made my sister-in-law that we would visit her. Suddenly the Lord spoke to me with a voice I knew to be His: "You go to Mount Vernon tomorrow instead."

The next morning I found myself hurrying to catch an earlier bus than I was finding convenient, what with the last

minute housework I had to do. I stopped and chided myself for hurrying when there was no necessity for doing so. I could take a later bus just as well and thus avoid my rush. I looked to the Lord.

"If there is a reason why You want me to catch this earlier bus, please see that I do so. But if not, I'm going to slow down."

I could not slow down. I caught the early bus.



George Washington's Prayer for Our Country

ALMIGHTY God, we make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally, that Thou wilt graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed faith. Grant our supplications, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" By BERNICE T. ELLIOTT

Tradition would say: "Look down; Repeat these words of renown, Bow your head, close your eyes, and pray." But what does the Master say?

Pray not in repetition vain, Over and over again, But enter into the secret place, And look upon your Father's face.

Lest tradition, with men, should hold sway Year after year—in the same old way, What does the Master say? And how did the Master pray?

"When you stand praying, forgive,"
Said He. Forgive—and you shall live!
"When you pray, believe,"
Said He. Believe—and you shall receive!

Rising up long before the day,

He went out in the desert—apart—
to pray;

Again, He climbed to the mountain's top,

Far from the lowly carpenter shop.

Looking up to heaven, Jesus prayed.

By the balances of truth, His thoughts

He weighed:

On the scales of sincerity His heart lay. After this manner, Lord, teach us to pray!



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An informal get-together between sessions.





E. W. Muehl, director of the Student Religious Association, University of Michigan, with Dr. Ockenga.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT missionary trend of our generation was uncovered last month in Toronto, as several hundred college and university students packed out the Student Convention for Missionary Advance.

Sponsored by the Foreign Missions Fellowship of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, the week-long convention attracted more than seven hundred mission-minded Christians to the University of Toronto campus. Altogether, nearly two hundred and fifty of those present purposed to spend their lives in completing Christ's commission in other lands.

The some six hundred students represented 151 colleges, universities and other schools. Also on hand were the representatives of fifty-six different mission societies, to counsel the delegates on the problems and conditions of specific mission fields. As the students listened to inspiring addresses, attended discussion groups and conferred with mission board representatives it became apparent that out of the convention would come impor-

Convention Heralds NEW ERA

tant new developments affecting the future of missions.

As the delegates trooped through the Gothic archways and tradition-encrusted stone halls of the university one might have thought that they were part of a United Nations assembly. Texas drawls mingled pleasantly with the "oots" and "ehs?" of Canadians. One was apt to find that his neighbor across the dining hall table came from halfway around the world.

For instance, there was Hugh Kailon from India, who found Christ while visiting in South America as a result of the testimony and life of a missionary there. As his elaborately bejeweled turban indicated, Hugh is the grandson of a rajah, but he will be the black sheep of his family when he returns to India as a Christian.

Dark-haired Violette Vermeil was converted through the testimony of Christian students while she was working with the French underground. Now in this country on a scholarship, she will return to France to become the wife of a Protestant minister next June.

Raul San Martin, University of Mexico student, traveled seven days by bus in order to attend the conference. Although his knowledge of English is limited, he was able to lead two Americans to Christ en route.

Some of the delegates came by plane. One carload drove all the way from Berkeley, Calif. A group from St. Paul, Minn., chartered a bus, crossing Lake Michigan by ferry.

At Hammond Seminary in Springfield, Ohio, five students sacrificed a pint of blood apiece and used the money to send

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By Dale McCulley

two delegates to the convention. Many similar stories could be told, leaving little doubt of the genuineness of student interest in missions,

Things got off to a brilliant start at the opening session Friday night as Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church, Boston, delivered a powerful address on "The Crisis in Missions." Especially impressive was his emphasis on Christ's authority as a basis for all missionary endeavor.

The following evening Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer pointed out that "the cross is not only expiatory but exemplary" as he dealt with "The Cross in the Great Commission." The veteran of a lifetime of missionary service among the Moslems spoke again on Sunday afternoon, presenting the inadequacy of non-Christian religions. In a masterful, scholarly way he pointed out that all great religions have their particular values for the human spirit, but that each of these is surpassed by Christianity.

Sunday evening the delegates and local guests flocked to the University's Convocation Hall to listen to the Rev. L. E.

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SEEK HIM OUT

"Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is the rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

The Greek New Testament was written in the type of Greek (koine) that was spoken in the first century. The scientific way of arriving at an accurate understanding of New Testament words is to see them used in ordinary conversation and non-literary writings of the common person of that day.

Take the word "faith," πίστις (pistis), for instance. Moulton and Milligan, in their Vocabulary of the Greek New Testament, give the following examples which we will apply to its biblical use. In the clause "whom no one would trust," we see its meaning of confidence in a person's character and motives. Thus faith in the Lord Jesus would include a trust in His character, what He is, and in His motives, what He does and why He does it.

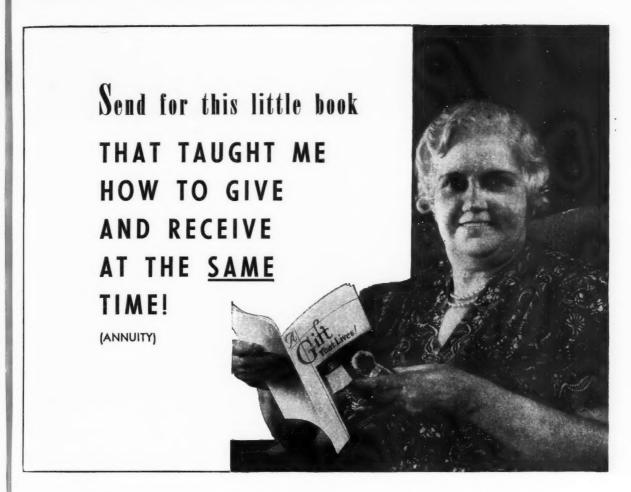
In the sentence, "I have trusted no one to take it to her," we see its meaning of confidence in the ability of another to perform a certain task. Thus faith in the Lord Jesus would include confidence in His ability to perform a certain piece of work; for instance, the saving of one's soul.

Paul uses the word in his directions to the jailer. He exhorts him to consider the Lord Jesus worthy of trust as to His character and motives, to place his confidence in His ability to do what He says He will do, to entrust the salvation of his soul into His hands, to commit the work of saving his soul to the care of the Lord. These are the ingredients of the word "faith" as used in the first century.

Now to come to our verse. The infinitive "to please" is in the aorist tense, a tense which is timeless. The idea is therefore that "without faith it is impossible to please God at all and at any time." The words "diligently seek" are the translation of $k_k \gamma_T \ell_\omega$ ($ekz \bar{e}t \bar{e}\bar{o}$), literally, "to seek out." Vincent says: "God's beneficent will and attitude toward the seeker are not always apparent at the first approach. In such cases there is occasion for faith, in the face of delay, that diligent seeking will find its reward."

"He hides Himself so wondrously as though there were no God; He is least seen when all the powers of ill are most abroad. Or He deserts us at the hour the fight is almost lost, and seems to leave us to ourselves just when we need Him most. It is not so, but so it looks; and we lose courage then, and doubts will come if God hath kept His promises to men" (Faber).

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COMMUNISM IN CHINA

D. ROBERTSON writes from Shanghai: "It seems that in some respects the power of the communists has increased of late. Miss Lajus, writing from Yangchow, tells of refugees crowding into the city from the country places all around, with terrible tales. This means that the power of Communism has extended down through Kiangsu to the vicinity of Tangchow itself.

"From every place where the communists rule comes similar news of disorder, injustice, cruelty, and of persecution of the Christians. It is easy for us to be complacent because we do not receive many details of these things. Nevertheless, the sufferings of the people and of Christians in North China must be terrible from day to day, and these facts should stir us to prayer on their behalf."

—C.I.M. Prayer Union Letter

A JAILER FOR CHRIST'S SAKE

Judge Meng was burdened for the prisoners brought before him until, in order to reach them more effectually for Christ, he resigned his position and took up work as a jailer, in which capacity he has served in several cities of Kansu.

On visiting him in his present appointment, H. H. E. Knight was much impressed with the spirit of the service held in the jail, and amazed at the hearty way the men joined in the singing and took part in prayer. Thirty men have been baptized there during the past year. The prisoners think so much of their keeper, Mr. Meng, that they are trusted to work

in the open fields, and in three years none of them has tried to escape—a remarkable record. There is a church in Kansu where all the leaders are exprisoners who were converted during Mr. Meng's term of office in their city.

Mr. Meng is waiting for a missionary to come to the city where he is now situated, so that he may be free to go on to another place and win more prisoners to the Lord!—China's Millions

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Philippines

Far East Broadcasting Company, a radio-missionary organization with headquarters in Los Angeles, reports:

"The message from John Broger for which we all have been waiting has arrived. A franchise has been granted the FEBC by the Philippine government for the erection of two 10,000-watt transmitters, with the provision for unlimited increase of power.

"Do you realize the significance of that statement? It means that the complete Far Eastern sphere, which includes half the world's population, will be reached with the gospel of Christ, and the message of salvation will literally span the earth by short wave from powerful transmitters located in Manila."

Australia

A few radio-minded laymen have launched the Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship of Australasia, with headquarters in Young, N.S.W. It is a nonprofit organization, missionary, evangelical and

interdenominational. Its leaders plan to erect at Darwin, in northern Australia, a high-powered transmitter to broadcast the gospel in the vernacular of the major language groups of the unevangelized millions in the islands to our north.

Over the Darwin station they propose also to address the unconverted in our own land [Australia] and to offer "spiritual nurture for believers and the missionary challenge of the kingdom's unfinished tasks."

In addition to the Darwin station, low-powered transmitters are planned to serve relatively small mission fields in co-operation with missionary societies working with different language groups.—Allan T. McNaughton, in *The Christian Century*

China

The voice of the Christian broadcasting station in Shanghai, XMHD, is soon to go back on the air. Owned and operated by Christian Chinese in this rightly called "Paris of the Orient," this station will soon be giving out the story of God's good news each day.

This pioneer Christian radio station was begun in faith back in 1933. A few Christians believed that the only way the gospel could get over the forbidding walls and the barred gates of every Chinese home was by the miracle of radio. They have had their faith amply rewarded

Here is an actual story from the files. A young Chinese girl was driven from her home by her enraged father because she had accepted Christ as her Saviour. However, after a time her father wanted to know about "this strange enticing power" and he secretly tuned in on XMHD. In the short space of two months Christ's love had captured him and the whole family was reunited in Christ.

K. S. Lee, the general secretary, has a vision of such challenging proportions that I want him to tell you about it in his own words. "I want China to have one hundred radio stations in a Christian broadcasting chain. If the gospel is good news, then why not give it to everyone? Only the power of Jesus Christ can change the heart of China. He must be preached to everybody. Only a few of China can read, but almost all can hear. Let us tell them by radio of the love of God in Christ Jesus. It will regenerate China, which needs not only a revolution like that fostered by Sun Yat Sen, but a regeneration that only Christ can give."-D. K. West, in News Letter

UNION OF POLISH CHRISTIANS

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LIQUOR PROBLEM IN CHILE

A comparison between the consumption of wine and milk in Chile and the United States shows that Chile's annual consumption of wine is 79.6 liters per capita; that of the United States, 4.5 liters. Chile's annual consumption of milk is 14.5 liters per capita; that of the United States 159 liters. A distinguished Chilean newspaperman comments that this is a typical difference between Protestant and Roman Catholic countries.—Pedro Zottele, in The Christian Century

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Sonepur! 5:15 P.M. "What time is the Siwan train?" I inquire of the station official. "10:20, sir!" Five hours to wait! I take in the grim situation, but do my best to prove that I am accommodating myself to the imperturbable East. Thus I retire to the waiting room.

Entering it, I am at once addressed by a strangely interesting personality, an elderly man. "Where are you going?" he asks, with the directness characteristic of this land; and then, "What is your business?" No use temporizing, and why should I? Thus, finding my interests are of a missionary character, he comments, You are a man of God.'

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-E. G. Vine, in Regions Beyond.

SOLOMON ISLANDS BARBER

Women have their heads shaved with a small razorlike flint or a sliver of a broken bottle, and they shave the heads of their week-old babies, too! Sometimes the mother starts when the child is asleep and leaves off when it awakes. Often a babe is brought into church service with one side of its head without a vestige of hair, and the other side quite long. Occasionally I have seen a surreptitious cut being made with the flint or glass while the sermon progresses. It ceases when the preacher's eye contacts the barber's, or when some elder or some woman gives a hiss that can be heard far and wide. The woman is covered with confusion, while all the rest feel very self-righteous and indignant, until their own turn comes through some other indiscretion.-R. G. Vance, in Not in Vain

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Years have rolled on, and they have gone Unto their blessed Lord, Who first brought tidings of the Son And preached His Holy Word.

But there are still men lost in sin, Dying in Satan's thrall; Hearts where the Light has not shone in, Lives broken by the Fall.

And some have found the way too strait, Who once had run right well: For such doth Satan lie in wait. Their love for Christ to quell.

Yet still there are the faithful few. The Saviour's chosen band; To you they call: "Come, help us, do! We would possess the land.

"Our spirits faint, our hands grow weak, We weary in the fight: We wrestle not with blood and flesh.

But with the hosts of night."

Oh, does their cry come unto you? Have you not heard their call? "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?" Will you thus forsake all?

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The Jewels of God

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found transparent crystals in their pans and threw them away. Sometimes they kept them to use as counters when playing cards. One day a monk recognized the crystals as diamonds, and thus were discovered the fabulous diamond deposits of Brazil.

In spite of all our sin and moral uncomeliness, Christ, the great expert in gems, saw something to be desired in us, and could foresee the wondrous results of His sanctifying power upon our lives and character. It is His master craftsmanship that will conform us to the beauty of His image.

The preparation of gems involves exquisite skill, infinite patience, accuracy of eye, and delicacy of touch. First the irregularities, cracks and blemishes must be split way. A scratch is made with a diamond fragment, and then a sharp blow on a knife will flake off the undesired portion.

Sawing is done with a thin disk of bronze charged with diamond dust. It takes many hours for the rapidly revolving disk to cut hard stones. The rough shaping is done by rubbing one stone against another on a twirling spindle. The polishing is usually done by a horizontally revolving wheel covered with diamond dust and olive oil. Hours are required to make a single facet.

The making of human character is likewise a tedious and delicate process. It is often painful when the Master Craftsman removes rough and ugly aspects of our personalities. The splitting and sawing and polishing are hard discipline, but the Master uses the utmost care and patience in His loving efforts.

When the Jonker diamond, valued at \$315,000, was to be cut by Kaplan of New York, Lloyds of London were asked to insure it for a million dollars, but considered the risk too great. Many months Kaplan studied the cleavage planes. On the eventful day the son of Kaplan held a steel rule in a prepared groove, and the father tapped the rule with a mallet. It was the most important operation of its kind in the history of American diamond cutting. Instead of shattering the gem into fragments, the stone split perfectly.

God makes no mistakes and never spoils a stone. The great Lapidary can always be trusted to fashion our lives with infinite skill and love. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." It is the highest and most perfect good that the Eternal God can devise.

HE PROFUSION of God's jewels is infinite. Among gems there is endless variety of color and beauty. The diamond may be blue, green, yellow, orange, violet, brown, black, white and red. The ruby has its pigeon blood red, the sapphire its cornflower blue, the emerald its biting green, the topaz its lively yellow, the opal its rainbow hues, and so on in great profusion.

Likewise no two Christians have an identical experience with Christ. God deals with us as individuals and fashions individual characteristics of beauty in character and personality.

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Among God's treasures are the apostles, the martyrs, the great champions of the faith and other famous saints. But there is also room for a Mary Magdalene from whom seven demons were cast out, the thief from the cross, and even you and

THE PERMANENCE of gems is compared to the everlasting hills. The kings of Egypt were buried with their treasures, and thousands of years later. when the dust of ages is wiped away, the gems are found to retain their brilliance and loveliness.

Salvation is eternal and not something that is put on today and discarded tomorrow. The Lord takes infinite care to protect and safeguard His jewels.

Earthly stones are kept safe behind the massive steel doors of concrete vaults and are covered by fabulous insurance. God has deposited His treasures in Christ Jesus, and the honor of His name is our assurance. As the high priest of old carried the breastplate of twelve stones on his bosom, so Christ carries us on His loving heart.

THE PURPOSE of jewels is adornment. Their beautiful coloring and brilliancy have long been the pride of men. A stone has no light in itself, but rather it serves to refract and reflect the light of the sun.

Our calling as Christians is to reflect the loveliness of Christ by saintly living and devoted service. We are saved for the praise of His glory, and some day the crown jewels of heaven will adorn the King of kings as trophies of His grace.

It is a great event in the British empire when the crown that was made for Queen Victoria is brought forth for a state occasion. It contains the great square brilliant, known as Cullinan No. 2, 2,782 other diamonds, 277 pearls, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds and 5 rubies. Our supreme expectation is the crowning day in heaven when the jewels of God will be displayed for the adornment and praise of the King of glory.

The Bible is a book of great alternatives; but the all-important choice it gives to every man is to be an object of the Saviour's eternal delight, a jewel of God, or else to be the object of His eternal displeasure.

The Christian Faces the **Atomic Age**

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his action.

Many scientists admit with Dr. Louis N. Ridenour that there is no physical defense against an atomic bomb attack. Not only scientists, but men in other fields who have been atheistic or uninterested in religion (let alone Christianity) are becoming convinced of this and are asking the question, "What will give us the

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Right here we see what the Christian should do, for he has the very answer which is being sought. He can show mankind the only power which is greater than atomic power and which is the one needed to control the use of the atom so that it shall be used for constructive rather than destructive purposes. Only the Christian knows this power,

for it is the power of God mentioned by Paul in Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation."

Here we are told that the gospel of Christ is the power of God. God put the physical power in the atom, and in His providence has allowed man to unlock it; therefore only the spiritual power of God -the gospel-is sufficient to control the atom. God's power in one realm is matched only by God's power in another. It must be all of God. Only this power of God will direct man's soul to administer atomic power properly.

In this Atomic Age, the light and power of the gospel are needed for control, so that the atom will be used to heal disease, run machines, improve medicine and benefit all areas of life rather than destroy civilization. Scientists, historians and other thinkers are agreed that unless the atom is channeled entirely into constructive uses, civilization faces annihilation by its own invention. The gospel must get there first!

JUST AS EVERY INVENTION OF science has been used either for good or evil, according to the will of its master, so with atomic power. What determines whether an airplane will fly on a mission of mercy, bringing life-preserving serum to a dying patient, or on a mission of death, dropping atomic bombs on helpless civilians? The spiritual nature within man decides.

This mainspring has directed man's technological choices down through the ages and will do so now. But the choice is far more serious now since a world-destroying power is in his hand. If the world is to be spared, we must make haste to redeem souls so that man will be attuned to God's will and cease serving sin. Regenerate souls rather than councils are needed to control the atom.

The Christian faces the Atomic Age with a great opportunity and responsibility-perhaps the greatest yet-for he has the message needed by the world in this hour of power and decision. Even atomic power cannot turn a sinner into a saint, a drunkard into a preacher, a renegade into an evangelist; but the gospel can and does, for it is the power of God, which is not temporal, but eternal and infinite

Let us lift our voices for Christ and demonstrate His power in this new age!

"The study of the Bible is like morning amid Alpine scenery: we are continually reminded of our littleness, yet all the time stimulated to climb, and refreshed by the delight of a rare atmosphere."--Harrington C. Lees.

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Moory was most himself, most eagerly and energetically alive, when he stood up before a vast expectant audience to pour out in darting, stinging, animating words his gospel of the cleansing blood of Christ. The excitement and enthusiasm of this process seem to have effected a striking change in his manner and appearance.

The sense that he was to deliver the message that inspired his whole being to even one auditor, and far more to a vast, listening, quivering assembly, put glory in his eyes, fire upon his tongue, and impressiveness, even dignity, into his weighty and somewhat cumberous movements.

It is evident that the gift of preaching came to Moody by instinct and force of nature, since he had none of the training or discipline of the regularly taught and prepared minister. There is no particular sign of his at any time making a study of public speaking as an art. He began by talking naturally to his Sunday school class, because he had something to say, and he kept it right up in the same vein and spirit to the end. Of course his in-

tense, keen shrewdness of attention and observation profited by every sermon that he heard, and he was always on the watch to seize a man's merits and to avoid his defects.

As to the preparation of his sermons, it should be understood that he usually. if not always, spoke without notes. No one understood better than he the importance of having the eve right on the audience every minute, of not letting any least flutter of effect of any kind escape. He knew also the advantage of not being tied to written words, of letting the splendor of the Holy Spirit whirl him whither it would. No one would have appreciated more fully the words of Whitefield: "After I had begun, the Spirit of the Lord gave me freedom, till at length it came down like a mighty rushing wind, and carried all before it."-Gamaliel Bradford



LINCOLN AND THE MINISTERS

Lincoln had a Springfield poll book with notes on how each citizen was going to vote. "I wish particularly to see how the ministers of Springfield are going to vote." They turned the leaves, added up results, and Lincoln said: "Here are twenty-three ministers of different denominations, and all of them are against me but three; and here are a great many prominent church members, a very large majority of whom are against me."

Then he paused, and after a while rose and walked up and down the room. Bateman saw tears fill his eyes as he stopped in his pacing to and fro to say: "I know there is a God, and that He hates injustice and slavery. I see the storm coming, and I know that His hand is in it. If He has a place and work for me I believe I am ready. I am nothing; but truth is everything."

And he went on in a lengthy and dark meditation on God and Christ, slavery and the teaching of the New Testament. "I may not see the end; but it will come, and I shall be vindicated; and these men will find they have not read the Bible aright."—Carl Sandburg



THE HOUSING SHORTAGE AND MORALS

In all that has been said regarding the present housing shortage, but little emphasis has been placed on the effect which the lack of decent accommodation is having on the home life of our people, with a consequent deterioration in their morals and morals.

At this time when so many thousands of people are either inadequately housed in poor substitutes for homes, or living under unsatisfactory, crowded and nerveracking conditions with relatives or inlaws, it must stand to reason that these conditions must create feelings of frustration, futility and desperation. There is no incentive for a young bride to take pride in her home when that home is a shack of two rooms, without conveniences, in somebody's attic or cellar. We are raising a breed of people who must become slum minded because of the conditions under which they are forced to live.

It is not only the young people who are forced to live like this, but older people in the evening of life are too often compelled to crowd in with others, to the extreme discomfort of both parties.

There is much that could be said to show the close connection between the housing shortage and any moral deterioration which may be evident. And one wonders why the Church has not been interested and has apparently nothing to say on the subject.

Why should the Church be silent on this question? No longer does it belong in the region of the social gospel, so



I think it meet . . . to stir you up by putting you in remembrance.—II Peter 1:13



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WASHINGTON'S INTEREST IN THE BIBLE

On June 11, 1783, while still commander-in-chief of the armed forces, on the eve of their discharge, Washington expressed his regret that Congress had not provided Bibles for the armed forces. The letter was addressed to Robert Aitken, who was printer to Congress. It read in part as follows:

"Glorious indeed has been our contest: glorious, if we consider the prize for which we have contended, and glorious in its issue. But in the midst of our joys, I hope we shall not forget that to Divine Providence is to be ascribed the glory and the praise.

"Your proposition respecting Aitken's Bible would have been particularly noticed by me had it been suggested in season. But the late resolution of Congress for discharging part of the army, taking off near two-thirds of our numbers, it is now too late to make the attempt. It would have pleased me well if Congress had been pleased to make such an important present to the brave fellows, who have done so much for the security of their country's rights of establishment." -(Signed) G. Washington-Bible Society Record



THE WORLD'S REST DAY

Abraham Lincoln was no fool. He said that the next great problem the United States would have to solve after slavery was that of prohibition and he was right. The next question after prohibition is Sabbath desecration, and Henry Van Dyke was equally right years ago when he said that the biggest issue which would confront America after the war was Sabbath observance.

As we face the situation today, it is supremely important that the Christian people of America, and all who are interested in conserving the day, get the right start and take the proper attitude. Many reformers have set about their job too hastily and have been upset by stumbling over neglected facts.

They say Waterloo was lost because some of Napoleon's engineers overlooked a certain pit of sunken ground. It is necessary to survey the whole field, and when we have done that, we discover that there is one great big fundamental fact to which we can tie and from which we can take our departure and that is the world's need of rest. It was the need



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Among the many books devoted to the life and character of Abraham Lincoln, there is one entitled Abraham Lincoln, Man of God, by John Wesley Hill, many years chancellor of Lincoln Memorial University.

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Regarding reading as a factor in the development of Lincoln's character, Chancellor Hill writes:

"His reading had much to do in determining the type of his religious life. His favorite books were the Bible, Aesop's Fables, Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress and Shakespeare's plays. . .

"But the Bible was his favorite. Indeed it was the first book he read with interest and appreciation. Poring over it for hours at a time, his memory became saturated with its language, his soul with its spirit, his life with its teachings. So familiar did he become with the Scripture phraseology and so imbued with the solemnly grand strain of thought and feeling that pervades the sacred pages, that his utterances often breathe the sublimity of the prophets, the poetry of Job or the psalmists, the sweetness and pathos of the Gospels. Hence it was that he was enabled, as at Gettysburg, to fire the finest intellects with enthusiastic admiration and strangely to move and thrill the hearts of the multitudes."-Bible Society Record

BEER MAKERS HAIL "SALES HONEYMOON"

The beer makers of America have coined a phrase that should echo down the corridors of commerce for many moons to come.

Bert. F. McCann, vice-president of the

National Beer Wholesalers Association, which has been holding its convention in Chicago, labels the four years of the World War, 1942-1945, as a "sales honeymoon," "which the brewing industry, from brewers, to wholesalers, to retailers, has enjoyed since 1942."

While 10,000,000 American boys were being mustered to the ends of the earth to fight, if need be to die, for democracy, and while 100,000,000 other American citizens were carrying on behind the scenes, the little bunch of 471 brewers and slightly more than 400,000 retail beer sellers were cashing in on public tension so profitably that they enjoyed during their "wartime sales honeymoon" a gross income of \$10,680,000,000, according to the Department of Commerce records, an exactly 50 per cent increase over the beer trade income of the preceding four prewar years.—American Business Men's Research Foundation

A truth is no less a truth because we cannot explain it.

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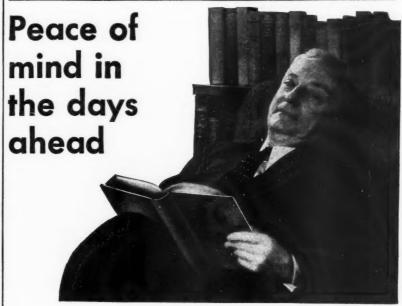
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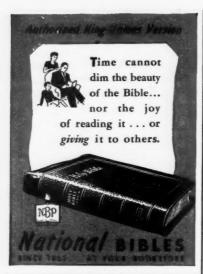
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The Song of Solomon

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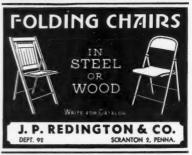
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He is saying that in God's sight, worldliness and sin are still the ugly, vile thing on the part of a Christian that adultery is to the decent human view. But just because this is true, true also is this almost unbelievable thing, that the Christian's relationship to God can be, and God wants it to be, as the truest, purest human love illustrates. Such love demands from us, loved as we are of God, a love in return that will hold us faithful and devoted to Him, after the beautiful type of this peasant girl in King Solomon's palace, through all the blandishments, allurements, and temptations of the world.

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The Shulamite was right. "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it: if a man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned . . . Love is strong as death."

She might have said that love is stronger than death. She does say, what needs to be said to every generation, that love is not to be bought, nor sold, nor thoughtlessly given, nor deliberately pretended, nor carelessly disavowed; that love is to come spontaneously, to be given sincerely, to be cherished loyally.

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Question: Am I right in my understanding that the Gospel writers were historians, not prophets, and were therefore subject to error and made slight mistakes?

Answer: While the Gospel writers (if by that you mean the four Gospels of Mattthew, Mark, Luke and John) were historians or biographers, there is certainly much of the prophetic element in their writings. But the entire New Testament is the gospel, and so also is much of the Old Testament. In any case, "all scripture is given by inspiration of God" (II Tim. 3:16), so that whether historians, poets or prophets, all were infallibly led of the Holy Spirit (II Pet. 1:21) and were, therefore, free from error. Apparent inaccuracies have over and over again been reconciled and adequately explained.

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THE CHERUBIM AND THE WHEELS H.E.N., Chicago, Ill.

Questions: (1) What is the meaning of the wheels in Ezekiel 10:12, 13? (2) What countries do the beasts of Revelation 4:7 represent?

Answers: (1) The wheels of Ezekiel are, no doubt, mystic symbols of movement and, together with the multitude of eyes and an apparently complex arrangement, are intended to convey the idea of tremendous energy and movement. Some interpret the eyes to mean special or unlimited penetration and intelligence, and perhaps also spiritual insight and knowledge with which to perform their special and constant service to God. The wheels suggest a chariot which bears the throne of God. They seem to be an inseparable part of this. The throne suggests God's sovereignty and majesty, and the four wheels further suggest connection with the earth in government. And since, according to the book of Revelation, these creatures unceasingly cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come," there is the thought of God's righteous requirements and judgments and the vindication of His holiness with regard to man.

(2) The beasts of Revelation 4:7 are rather living creatures, as the Revised Version translates, and as it should be. They are living creatures in a good and holy sense in contrast with the beasts of Revelation 13, who are evil. They do not therefore represent countries on earth. They are like the creatures of Ezekiel, probably identical with them, standing in a relationship of special service toward God and attached to His very throne. As someone has said, their faces

suggest a perfect picture of the spirit contradiction. Genesis 7:12 says that the of true service: courage, as of the lion; rain was upon the earth forty days and patience, as of the ox; aspiration, as of the eagle; intelligence, as of man.

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TO DEPART AND BE WITH CHRIST C.H.N., Reading, Mass.

Question: I have recently seen in a tract the following translation of Philippians 1:23: "I have an earnest desire for the returning and being with Christ." Can this be justified from the Greek text?

Answer: The above rendering makes Paul's hope of being with Christ dependent on the return of Christ. The text in our Bibles reads: "But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ; for it is very far better" (R.V.). In this, Paul is thinking of his own departing from this life to go to be with Christ. The word analuo, translated "to depart" in Philippians 1:23, in its primary meaning is to unloose, to undo, and hence to depart from as stated in this verse.

It is true that the same word is translated "to return" in Luke 12:36 in connection with the return of the Lord Jesus. It is this, no doubt, which has suggested the same translation for this word in Philippians 1:23. But the context cannot sustain this view that Paul was thinking here of Christ's return. In verse 24 the apostle says: "Nevertheless [for me] to abide in the flesh is more needful for you." If by his being with Christ he meant Christ's return, how could anything be more needful for the Philippian church than that. The returning of Christ is for all His people and not only for Paul. This view would make Paul say: "It is better for me to remain among you in the flesh than that Christ should return."

In verse 21 he said: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Evidently then all through this passage he was thinking in terms of his departing this life to be with Christ. It is quite evident also that verse 23 is a further expression of verse 21. The thought of Christ's returning in this passage is a wresting of the Scriptures to no profit.

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THE FLOOD

O.Y., Bloomington, Ind.

Question: Please explain the contradiction between Genesis 7:12 and 7:24. One verse says the rains were upon the earth forty days and forty nights, the other verse says the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days (also 8:3 and 8:6).

Answer: There is, of course, no

rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. That refers to the time the rain came. Obviously the waters could not disappear as soon as such rain ceased. Genesis 7:24 does not mention rain but says the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days. This simply refers to the length of time the waters remained before Noah and his family could leave the ark. The difference lies in the words rain and waters in these two verses. This is further borne out by 8:3. Verse 6 simply states that at the end of the forty days, Noah began sending out the birds to find out when it might be time to emerge from the ark.

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THE MEANS OF SALVATION E.N.G., Washington, Pa.

Question: Did Jesus forgive sins by His blood before the crucifixion?

Answer: There has never been any other way of forgiveness of sin than by the blood of Jesus Christ, whether in the Old Testament times or since. The principle of forgiveness of sin through an innocent substitute is clearly and abundantly set forth in the Old Testament. See Leviticus 1-7 where the sacrificial system is set forth as, and in, the very heart of the Pentateuch, and as the only basis of approach toward God; also Leviticus 17:11.

But the New Testament states that "it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins" (Heb. 10:4.) Therefore it is evident that the whole sacrificial system of the Old Testament was a type and shadow of something truly worthy and effectual to come (Heb. 9:12-14; 10:1-10). The true, spiritual believer of the Old Testament must, more or less dimly, have apprehended this, and through faith he secured forgiveness of his sins as he brought his sacrifice.

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The blood of Christ was efficacious for the forgiveness of sin even before the event on Calvary because He was foreordained to be the "Lamb without blemish and without spot" from "before the foundation of the world" (I Pet. 1:19, 20). Calvary was simply the manifestation of this, God's eternal purpose (I Pet. 1:20) in redemption. Therefore the blood of Christ could and did save then as now.

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THE WOMAN OF REVELATION 12 C.J., Muldrow, Okla.

Questions: (1) Who are the woman and child mentioned in Revelation 12? (2) Are Russia and Germany the Gog and Magog of Ezekiel 38 and 39? (3) Who are the two witnesses of Revelation 11:3?

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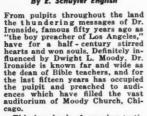
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of Revelation 12 are variously interpreted. Some think this passage refers to the Virgin Mary giving birth to the Saviour. Others interpret it as the city of Jerusalem. Still others think of it as the Church, an interpretation commonly held. As such, they say, it refers to the Church bearing and bringing forth its saints. Thus also, under this figurative view, the outward, visible, professing Church is ever bearing and struggling to bring forth the inward, invisible, true Churchthe child. So the royalty and rank and dignity ascribed to the woman are said to pertain to the Church, a royal priesthood.

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But the mention of the ark, the sun, moon and stars certainly suggest the nation Israel, and this is supported by the fact that the identity of the child brought forth is established by the description of him as the "one who shall rule all nations with a rod of iron." This is certainly Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, the description being taken from Psalm 2. But Christ is not only born of Israel through the Virgin Mary; in this passage He is "born unto Israel," an event which has not yet taken place.

It is that remnant of Israel, of which mention is made in the Old Testament, which will believe on Him in the last days, ere He come to bend all nations into submission to His will and to rule. There is a time element in between the birth of Messiah and the event mentioned here which the prophecy comprehends without specific mention, as is so frequently the case in Old Testament prophecy.

(2) Magog, it is most generally agreed, refers to Russia. Gog is the name of a person, the prince of Magog. As for Germany, it may be indicated by the name Gomer. There is a difference of opinion, however, some believing that modern Turkey is meant by Gomer.

(3) The two witnesses of Revelation 11:3 are either Moses and Elijah or Enoch and Elijah. There is agreement concerning Elijah. The weight of evidence from the Scriptures seems to favor Moses as the other witness.

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SMOKING

Mrs. A.H., Parker, S.D.

Question: Where in the Bible is it said that smoking is wrong?

Answer: It is nowhere commanded in the Bible in so many words, "Thou shalt not smoke," but it is said both in the Old and New Testaments, "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am holy" (Lev. 19:2; I Pet. 1:16). We are a "temple of the living God" in whom God walks and dwells (II Cor. 6:16). We are to cleanse ourselves from every defilement of the flesh (II Cor. 7:1). We are to do all to the glory of God, whether we eat or drink or whatsoever we do (I Cor. 10:31). We are told to glorify God in our bodies which belong to God (I Cor. 6:20). Can one smoke to the glory of God?

True, many things are comprehended in all this, but scarcely any habit is more obvious than smoking. Even smokers themselves speak of "the filthy weed" and call it a filthy habit. It is certainly objectionable and most unpleasant to a host erpreted. to the Saviour. Jerusa-Church. eld. As Church iew, the urch is o bring hurchank and are said l priest-

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of people. Surely the principle ought to apply here for a Christian, that "none of us liveth to himself" (Rom. 14:7), and that none of us should do that which makes another stumble (Rom. 14:21), particularly in drawing another into such a habit.

It is also shown to be of definite and considerable injury to the body. It is strongly habit-forming and difficult to set aside. And although many good people indulge in it, yet it is always associated with the vices of gambling, drinking, etc. In view of all this and much more that might be said, those who belong to the Lord had better leave it alone.

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MEANING OF DANIEL 11:45 E.F.S., Perryton, Tex.

Question: What is the meaning of the expression "tabernacles of his palace" in Daniel 11:45? Is there any reference to the tabernacle or church here?

Answer: The word "tabernacle" here means a tent in the ordinary sense of the word. It has no reference whatever to the Old Testament Tabernacle of worship or to a church as a place of worship. Besides, the person spoken of here is the archenemy of God and of His people. The Hebrew word for "palace" here (a very unusual word) means a pavilion; something held by ropes or the like. The whole phrase simply refers to a royal pavilion, perhaps in a camp, as the context might indicate. A more literal translation of the passage would be: "And he will plant [that is, set up] the tents of his pavilion between the seas at the beautiful, holy mount, but he shall come to his end, and without anyone to help him." The two seas are the Mediterranean and Dead Seas, and the mount of the adornment of holiness is, of course, Zion.

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

M.J.H., Green Cove Springs, Fla.

Question: Is it biblical for one church to invite members of another church (of the same denomination) to the Lord's Supper?

Answer: There is nothing whatever in the Bible as the ground of participation in the Lord's Supper except true Christian faith and practice in discerning the Lord's body. In I Corinthians 11, the apostle declares that everyone is to "prove himself" (R.V.) and so partake. And whoever eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment or condemnation to himself (and not to others) if he partake unworthily or without discerning, that is, discriminating, the Lord's body. The Bible does not lay down specific regulations for protecting the Lord's Supper against participation by the unworthy or the unbeliever, nor does it appear to place any definite responsibility in this matter on anyone except the person himself.

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February 16 JESUS AT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES John 8:12-16, 31-36; 9:1-5

Memory Selection: I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.-John 8:12

THE Light of the World is Jesus!" Who The Light of the works and the light does not remember with what delight we as children sang, "Come to the light, 'tis shining i'or thee . . . The Light of the world is Jesus." How precious was the truth that thus flooded our souls!

Has the passing of the years dimmed the beauty and glory of that Light in our hearts and lives? Do we need it renewed? God is willing and ready. Jesus is the light, and just as the sunlight sheds its glory on an awakening world at dawn. so Christ sheds abroad the light of God in the hearts of believing men. The writer of these lessons pens these words with the prayer that as this portion of God's Holy Word is studied and taught, that light may break forth on many a soul lost in the bewilderment of this dark

Our study centers around three simple words fraught with beauty and rich in meaning

I. Light (John 8:12-16).

The text says, "Then spake Jesus." When? Just after He had silenced the hypocritical accusers of a woman taken in sin, and had spoken the word of peace to her troubled soul. She was to "go and sin no more" because she had met Him who is the Light of the world. They that follow Him "shall not walk in darkness"; they are the children of light, for they have the very light of life.

How sad it is that with the Light of the world shining in all its brightness. men loved their own darkness. The Pharisees, instead of receiving the Light, had to argue, and to do it on a low, fleshly plane. They even accused Jesus of being a liar. Think of that!

So it is that men may reject the Light of God and go on into a darkness, made deeper because they have seen the Light.

Now we look at our second beautiful word. How sweet it sounds as we repeat

II. Freedom (vv. 31-36).

Free! Four letters, but what a depth of meaning! Chains have fallen off,

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prison doors are open. The one who was bound is free.

But here we are concerned with an even more important liberty, the freedom of the soul. Many there are who boast of their independence, but who are merely slaves. Jesus said, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin" (v. 34), not its master.

How shall they be freed? Note three things in these verses.

(1) A condition-"If ye continue in my word." This means not only a profession of faith, but a daily appropriation and realization of His truth in life.

(2) A promise—"Ye shall know the truth." The philosophies of men profess to be a seeking after truth, but how few there are who look to the one place where it can be found-in Jesus Christ.

(3) A result-"The truth shall make you free." Truth always sets free.

Men are enslaved because, as in some foreign lands, they have not had the opportunity to learn the truth (we have failed to send it), or because they have rejected it.

Reject it they will. In their stubborn pride, the sons of Abraham to whom Jesus spoke boasted of their family connection and their prerogatives. But they were in bondage, and greatly in need of the boundless freedom of which verse 36 so gloriously speaks. Friend, do you know that freedom?

Freedom and light can lead only to

III. Vision (John 9:1-5).

This is one of the most instructive passages in Scripture. A man born blind is seen by Jesus. His disciples note his interest and begin to theorize on a theological question. They had learned so little of the compassionate spirit of Jesus that they saw in this blighted life only an illustration of a theological problem. May God help us that we may never be so blind.

Jesus goes at once to His blessed work. He was in the world to do the works of God. He and the Father always work. Let us follow His blessed example. The King's business requires haste. Let us work "while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work."

By a loving and gracious act, Jesus stirs in the heart of the man that faith which causes him to go, to wash, and, glory to God, he sees!

Such a personal experience of the divine power of the Son of God leaves no doubt in the man's mind that the One who caused him to see "is the prophet." All of a man's doubts concerning the deity of Jesus Christ disappear when he becomes his Saviour.

Do not fail to read the remainder of the chapter and note how this man's faith was victorious in the face of trials, persecution, and even of excommunication; for outside the temple he met Jesus and took Him as his Lord. As Dr. Scroggie puts it, "His excommunication was a promotion. He went from the synagogue to the Saviour."

February 23 THE GOOD SHEPHERD John 10:7-18

Memory Selection: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep .- John 10:11

N open door! How inviting! Jesus had just been talking to the man once blind (John 9) who had seen the temple door closed against him. It shut him out from all the sacred traditions of his people, but it turned him to Jesus, who presents Himself in our lesson as "the door of the sheep."

It was literally true of the shepherd that he was the living door guarding the entry to the sheepfold, but he was more. So Jesus is not only the means of entry upon eternal life, but is also our Keeper in every circumstance of life, and our

Saviour for all eternity.

I. The Door of the Sheep (vv. 7-10). The preceding verses of chapter 10 are

important, for they identify Jesus as the true Shepherd. He speaks of His people as His sheep.

Flocks were sometimes kept in the field at night, as was the case on the night when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. But ordinarily they were brought into a sheepfold, where many flocks gathered for protection. A shepherd was on guard at the door. Thieves would climb the wall to steal sheep, but the true shepherds, when they came in the morning to lead forth their flocks, entered by the door. They called out their own flock by name and they knew his voice.

It is said that only a sick sheep will follow a stranger, which may explain why so many false isms of our day appeal to the sick and lead them away from the Good Shepherd.

Do you know His blessed voice? Have you responded to His call? Will you follow Him? Decide now.

Consider the beautiful figure of the shepherd as the door of the sheepfold. When the sheep enter the fold to rest, he is the door. When they are ready to go out to feed in green pastures again, he is the door.

Note that they go in and out. Belonging to Christ is not bondage. If any man enter in by Christ, the Door, he is free to go in and out, to find pasture, to live for and to serve Him.

"The Door"—what a striking figure! It is a means of entry, the only way in. Every door has two sides and the side we are on determines whether we are inside

or outside—saved or lost. Children used to sing, and still do:

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Then repeating the two first lines comes the direct testimony and question,

"I am on the inside; On which side are you?"

II. The Keeper of the Sheep (vv. 11-13).

We think of sheep as peacefully grazing on the hillside—an idyllic picture in the summer sunshine. But there were dangers to meet. It is so with Christ's sheep too, and then He is there to keep them. The wolves come out as the shadows gather. They come to kill and to scatter. Where then is the shepherd? If he is only a hireling, serving for what may "be in it" for him, he will flee.

How perfectly this pictures religious leaders, who, in spite of their swelling words and ingratiating manners, desert the flock in the hour of adversity. Fairweather friends are they, who disappear when darkness and danger appear.

In the darkest hour Jesus is nearest at hand. He never fails. He has no fear, for has He not tasted the bitter death of Calvary's tree for you and me? He is the Good Shepherd. He gave His life for the sheep. Those who have put their trust in Him shall never be put to shame.

Observe how this teaching concerning His death for us runs through the entire lesson. We shall consider it definitely in the remaining division, but it appears in the first two teaching points. In verse 9, the door of the sheep is the way by which a man enters in to be "saved"—and that speaks of the Cross. In verse 11, the keeper of the sheep is the one who "giveth his life for the sheep."

So we go with special interest to our next point,

III. The Saviour of the Sheep (vv. 14-18).

He laid down His life for the sheep. Ah, yes, it is all too true that evil men laid wicked hands on Him and crucified Him. Their guilt is awful. But it is clear from Scripture that until the hour had come for Jesus to be made sin for the redemption of man, they could not touch Him (see Luke 4:29, 30; John 8:59).

When the time came, Christ laid down His life in accord with "the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). He died for us, not as a martyr to a cause, or the victim of an accident or miscarriage of justice, but willingly, and for the glory of God.

Yes, He died for us, but He also died for every lost soul who will hear His voice. There are "other sheep" about whom the Lord is deeply concerned. Are was?

He "must bring" them—but remember, God works through yielded believers through men and women. We ought to be eager instruments in His hands to reach these other sheep, whatever their race, creed, or condition.

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Do not miss the note of unity in verse 16. "There shall be one fold." Sometimes one wonders as Christians fight one another how they will ever be brought into the unity of one fold. Only the Lord can do it-He "must bring" us together; but let us not contribute one iota to the confusion and division which must so grieve His Father-heart.

March 2 JESUS SUMS UP HIS CLAIMS John 12:12-16, 20-32

Memory Selection: And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.-John 12:32

The last week of our Lord's ministry on earth comes before us today as we consider two events-one which occurred on Sunday and the other on Tuesday. One sees here the attitude of men toward Christ, of God toward men, of the Father toward the Son, and the majestic drawing power of the Saviour.

We look first at our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on what we have come to know as Palm Sunday. It thrills us, for we see that-

I. Believing Men Honor Christ (vv. 12-16).

God says. "Him that offereth praise glorifieth me" (Ps. 50:23), and the believer recognizes that "praise is comely for the upright" (Ps. 33:1). Jesus is entirely worthy of the praise of every heart and voice

Presenting Himself as their Messiah, Jesus received the enthusiastic acclaim of His disciples and friends, who were probably joined by others drawn by the excitement.

The Pharisees did not join in (see Luke 19:39, 40), nor did the city, not even knowing who He was (Matt. 21:10, 11). So it is today; some love and praise Him, some hate Him, others just ignore Him, Of which class are you?

He gave Jerusalem and the nation a final opportunity to receive Him. It was not yet too late, but it was their last chance. Such a time comes in the life of everyone of us. They rejected Him. Do we?

But even though some did reject, let us not forget that there were those who shouted, "Hosanna"; who cast their garments down before Him and waved palms of victory and joy. Thank God for their holy enthusiasm. Pray God that we may have a little more of it.

People like to hear about a God of love, One who knows their weakness, and is kind toward their infirmities. But we must not forget that God shows His love by a great and holy hatred of sin, and a desire to deliver us from that sin. This means that He must and will deal in drastic fashion with those who persist in their sin.

II. God Honors Men Who Serve Christ (vv. 20-26).

It is good to note that whatever prompted the coming of the Greeks, they wanted to see Jesus. A man has progressed far on the road to blessing when

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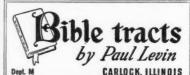
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The words of our Lord are clear. Men do not need an example, a leader, a teacher; they need a Saviour. It is as a sacrifice for sin that Christ will draw all men unto Himself (see v. 32).

The man who truly serves Christ will not hold his own life dear, if it can be used for the glory of his Lord. The same law of death which leads to life in Christ is the pattern for His disciples (Gal. 2:20). Such servants of the Saviour, the Father delights to honor.

III. The Father Glorifies the Son (vv. 27-30).

The awful blackness of the burden of the world's sins which He was to bear pressed down upon our Lord in an agony of soul beyond our ability to understand. But even His troubled soul did not turn from the hour of death for us.

The question of verse 27 is essentially this: "Should I ask the Father to deliver me from this hour? No, I came to be man's Saviour." He did not look away, nor wish to turn back. He knew why He had come and He was faithful even to death (Phil. 2:8; Heb. 2:9).

He had only one desire—that the name of God the Father should be glorified (v. 28). Do we who bear His holy name follow in His footsteps? Do we have an eye single to His glory-or do we seek our

Then came the voice from heaven; the Father had glorified His own name in the Son, and would do it again—yes, again and again.

Jesus knew the Father would do it, He did not need any assurance (v. 30), but for the sake of the people the witness was given. Notice the reaction of the listeners -some recognized that a heavenly message had been given. Others had only heard some thunder. This is quite in line with what men say today about the things of Christ. Some marvel at the miracles of God, others explain them away as some natural phenomenon and lose all the blessing.

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March 9 JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES' FEET John 13:3-15, 34, 35

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n the eve of His crucifixion our Lord O gave to His followers a striking example of how true humility shows itself in service to others.

Almost in the shadow of the cross the disciples had fallen into an argument about which of them should be greatest. Christ showed them the way of true greatness by an act of menial service, giving them an example for their own lives, a pattern of love.

I. Action (vv. 3-11).

He who was about to wash His disciples' feet was fully conscious who He was, whence He came, what His power was, and where He was going.

Verse 3 gives us a clear view of our Lord's knowledge of Himself as divine, sent by the Father and to return to Him. He was conscious that He was King of kings and Lord of lords-all things had been put into His hands.

What followed would seem to be a mistake-a misfit in the pattern of the life of a being so great as the one described in verse 3-except for the fact that it was Jesus of whom it was said.

He knew that real greatness proves itself in the ability to stoop if need be to minister to the humblest need. It was just like Jesus to take the place of a servant. It is just like Him to do the loving, thoughtful, compassionate thing for us today.

Peter's impulsive refusal to be washed enabled the Lord to teach him, and us, a needed lesson. The one who had come clean and well-groomed to the feast needed only to have the dust of the road cleansed from his sandaled feet.

Just so the one who has been cleansed from his sins by the blood of Christ returns daily for the cleansing of the stains and soil of the journey through this wicked world. We must remember that this constant cleansing (I John 1:7) is necessary. It is not enough to make a decision for Christ and receive salvation, we need His daily grace for daily living.



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It is one thing to understand what has been taught, it is another thing to put it into practice. Jesus conditioned His blessing on the doing, rather than the hearing (see vv. 16, 17).

We are told in James 1:22 that the one who is a hearer of the Word and not a doer of it is self-deceived. He is fooling himself about his supposed spiritual progress. God is not deceived by it, and usually his fellow men are not deceived by his profession of what he does not have. How sad then to go on deceiving himself and how foolish.

Reader, are you a hearer of God's Word and not a doer of His will? Is it not time you awakened from your slumber of selfdeception and really come out-and-out for God?

III. A Command (vv. 34, 35).

It is really not a matter of choice for the believer whether he will live in the light of this great example-it is a commandment of God. Oh, yes, it is a commandment of love, but that makes it not less but more binding on us who believe in Christ.

By act and example He set before His disciples the great and new commandment of love, expressing itself in loving service. We must learn of Him, and go and do what we have learned.

The measure of our love for the brethren is the love of Christ Jesus. That love. we all agree, was without limit, unbelievably great, inexpressibly tender, infinite in its purpose and power.

We cannot measure up to it. What then shall we do? Surely we must give to our very limit, and beyond that limit by God's grace, of our love for one another. Nothing less will do, if we are to keep His commandment.

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Nevertheless, we are creatures of time, and to interpret prophecy intelligently, we must relate it to time. It is recognized that this is much easier now than it was a hundred, or even fifty, years ago, since events have removed some of the seals from the Book. The picture is by no means complete, but we can see enough to recognize the plan of God for mankind, and the importance of Christ as His prime mover.

When this relationship of a timeless Christ to a time-bound humanity is appreciated, there emerges a perspective of time which can be gained in no other way. One can, in a sense, stand off in eternity and envisage the progress of God's predetermined plan for the world from a detached point of view which is impossible for one chained to a close contact with time and events. One utilizes. in this way, some of the infinite knowledge of God in looking for the "shape of things to come." One is prepared for the troubles that lie ahead by the knowledge that after that, cometh deliverance.

God sees all things in perfect perspective, and has given prophecy that we might share this conception. The value of prophecy lies in this long-term view, rather than in setting dates for specific events, as some have mistakenly believed. "O how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men' (Ps. 31:19).

WITHOUT ANY ATTEMPT to exhaust the subject, it has been pointed out that an understanding of prophecy can be had through acceptance and realization of four fundamental concepts: (1) that the author is God the Holy Spirit; (2) that the central personality is God the Son; (3) that the Sovereign of the world is God the Father; and (4) that it is intended that a perspective be provided by which events can be properly interpreted. These four concepts form a key by which the mysteries of prophecy may be unlocked.

It is as if the Holy Ghost utilized prophecy to Christ as the Redeemer, and to God the Father as Sovereign, and all three united as a Trinity to show to men the divine plan for the ages, in order that men might adjust themselves properly to it.

Amos wrote (3:7): "Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets," and it follows that we should be interested in learning the secret.

Avoiding temptation is next in importance to resisting temptation. For the lust of the eye is fearfully apt to begin the lust of the flesh. We met this in Matthew Henry's commentary the other day, "Do not approach the forbidden tree unless you would eat forbidden fruit." It reminded us of old Thomas Fuller's quaint saying, "If you do not wish to trade with the devil, keep out of his shop."—A. J. Gordon.

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HE GIVETH HIS BELOVED SLEEP Psalm 127:2

- 1. Christ Sustains "His beloved" in the trying hour (Acts 7:55, 56).
- 2. Christ Guides "His beloved" through the valley of the shadow of death (Ps. 23:4).
- 3. Christ Welcomes "His beloved" into the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 25:21-23).

-George Burger

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BE NOT IGNORANT

Five times Paul, by the Holy Spirit, writes: "I would not have you ignorant, brethren."

- I. Of Salvation (Rom. 1:13-16).
 He purposed to come among them to preach the gospel, unto their salva-
- II. Of the Word of God (I Cor. 10:1-11). After salvation, knowledge of the Word, rich in types and examples.
- III. Of Spiritual Gifts (I Cor. 12).
 After knowledge, growth in spirituality as the Holy Spirit bestows gifts.
- IV. Of Missions (II Cor. 1:8-16).
 Troubles and rejoicings of mission-
- V. Of the Blessed Hope (I Thess. 4:13-18).

"Comfort one another with these words."

-Gail Lehmann



THE GRACE OF GOD Titus 2:11-13

- 1. The Grace of God Personified—"hath appeared" in Jesus Christ (v. 11).
- 2. The Grace of God Saves—"bringeth salvation" (v. 11).
- 3. The Grace of God Visible—"to all men" (v. 11).
 - 4. The Grace of God Instructs (v. 12).
 - a. To shun
 - (1) Ungodliness.
 - (2) Worldly lusts.
 - b. To cultivate
 - (1) Sobriety.
 - (2) Righteousness.
 - (3) Godliness.
 - 5. The Grace of God Inspires (v. 13).
 - a. Hope in Christ's second coming.
 b. Hope in Christ's glorious appearing.
 - c. Hope in Christ our great God and Saviour.

-W. T. Forshaw.

O KEEP ME, LORD!

This very day,
This very hour,
O keep me, Lord,
By Thy own power!

Let nothing mar My soul's delight; Breathe on it, Lord, And keep it white.

Let not the stress, The strain without, Affect my faith Cause me to doubt.

But let each dart
That comes but prove
The pierceless armor
Of Thy love!

-Alice Hansche Mortenson

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THE DIVINE TOUCH

I stood one evening watching the pure white flowers on a vine encircling the veranda. I had been told that the buds that hung with closed petals all day, every evening near sunset unfolded and sent out a peculiar fragrance.

The miracle was more than I had anticipated. A feeling of silent awe possessed me as I saw bud after bud, as if under the touch of an invisible hand, slowly fold back its leaves until the vine was filled with perfect blossoms, most beautiful and sweet. I said, "If the finger of God laid upon these His flowers can do this in a way beyond the power of human study to explain, cannot the same divine touch, in ways we know not of, do as much for human hearts?"—John Hall.

[THE DIVINE TOUCH]

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"THE MASTER HAS SAID IT"

A schoolmaster gave three of his pupils a difficult problem.

"You will find it very hard to solve," he said, "but there is a way."

After repeated attempts, one of them gave up in despair.

"There is no way!" he declared.

The second pupil had not succeeded, yet he was smiling and unconcerned.

"I know it can be explained, because I have seen it done."

The third worked on, long after the rest had given up. His head ached and his brain was in a whirl. Yet as he went over it again and again, he said without faltering, "I know there is a way, because the master has said it."

Here is faith—that confidence that rests not upon what it has seen, but upon the promises of God.—Lights on Scripture Truths.

[FAITH]

SIN AND .ITS CONSEQUENCES

There are seven simple facts that everyone ought to know about sin: First, sin earns wages. Second, sin pays wages. Third, sin insists on paying. You may be willing to let the account go, but sin insists on paying. Fourth, sin pays its wages in kind. Sin against the body, pays wages in the body. Fifth, sin pays in installments. Sixth, sin pays in full, unless the blood of Jesus washes away the sin. Seventh, sin pays its own bills. Sin has bound up in itself all the terrible consequences that come. The logical result of sin is death, death to the body, death to the mind, death to the soul!-S. D. Gordon, in Pentecostal Evangel.

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JESUS CHRIST: THE TRUE GOD Introduction: John 14:6; Revelation

- 3:7; 19:11. 1. The True Light (John 1:9; 8:12;
- 9:5; 12:46; I John 2:8).
- The True Bread (John 6:29-35).
 The True Vine (cf. Isa. 5:1-7; John 15:1-8).
- 4. The True God (John 17:3; I Thess. 1:5-10).

-Frank L. Squires

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LINCOLN AT A SALOON DOOR

Some years ago at a Lincoln meeting among the old soldiers of a Michigan city, one of the battle-worn vetcrans gave the following testimony: "We have heard what Lincoln has done for all of us; I want to tell what he did for me. I was a private in one of the western regiments that arrived first in Washington after the call for 75,000. We were marching through the city amid great crowds of cheering people, and then after going into camp were given leave to see the town.

"Like many other of our boys, the saloon or tavern was the first thing we hit. With my comrade I was just about to go into the door of one of these places when a hand was laid upon my arm, and looking up, there was President Lincoln from his great height above me, a mere lad, regarding me with those kindly eyes and pleasant smile.

"I almost dropped with surprise and bashfulness, but he held out his hand, and as I took it he shook hands in strong western fashion, and said: 'I don't like to see our uniform going into these places.' That was all he said. He turned immediately and walked away; and we passed on. We would not have gone into that tavern for all the wealth of Washington City

-John Talmage Bergen, in The Interior

Faith will beget in us three things: vision, venture, victory.—George W. Ridout.

CAN YOU ANSWER THIS?

A Welsh minister, beginning his sermon, leaned over the pulpit and said with a solemn air: "Friends, I have a question to ask. I cannot answer it. You cannot answer it. If an angel from heaven were here, he could not answer it. If a devil from hell were here, he could not answer

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Every eye was fixed on the speaker, who proceeded: "The question is this, 'How shall we escape, if we neglect so great -Free Methodist. salvation?"

[THE QUESTION IMPOSSIBLE TO ANSWER]

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HUNTING AN EASY BERTH

The story is told that a student once wrote to Henry Ward Beecher asking the great preacher "for an easy berth." To this student Mr. Beecher replied: "Young man, you cannot be an editor; do not try the law; do not think of the ministry; let alone all ships and merchandise; abhor politics; don't practice medicine; be not a farmer, a soldier, or a sailor; don't study; don't think. None of these is easy. Oh, my son, you have come into a hard world. I know of only one easy place in it and that is in the grave!"-L.E.M., in Christian Union Herald.

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LOOKING TO DEFEAT

Not long ago I read about a man who had walked all the way from San Francisco to New York. In recounting his experiences, he said that the hardest part of the journey was not in climbing the Rockies, high and hard and cold though they were. It was not the long, hot trudge over the desert, nor the crossing of swollen streams and rivers. The things that almost defeated him was the sand in his

The enemies that almost overcome us. almost defeat us, are not the external hardships through which we have to fight our way, but the little things, like grains of sand, that irritate and distress us.

-The Secret Place

[VEXATIOUS HINDRANCES] + + +

WANTING THE FORBIDDEN THINGS

I once heard of a spoiled child who was in a dreadful fit of temper because his nurse would not let him have a valuable vase from the top of a cabinet or cupboard. Hearing him crying loudly, his mother went into the room and asked, 'What do you want, darling?" Said the naughty little boy, "I want that!" pointing to the vase. "Yes, darling, you shall have it," said the mother, unwisely, but wishing to make him happy. But when she put it before him, the child simply lifted up his voice and yelled afresh. "Why, what do you want?" asked the mother again. "I want-I want," said the boy between his sobs, then the words came out with a rush, "I want to have something that I mustn't!" So forbidden things do have fatal attraction.-Christian Herald.

[HUMAN CRAVING]

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This incident will illustrate D. L. Moody's resourcefulness, determination and consecrated common sense in Christian work at a critical period in the Civil

The first work undertaken by the Christian Commission consisted of services held among the soldiers that passed through Chicago. On the forming of Camp Douglas here a work was organized which resulted in the erection of a small temporary chapel, in which more than fifteen hundred meetings were held. Edgar W. Hawley, who was among Mr. Moody's oldest associated in Christian work in Chicago, thus describes the beginning of this work:

"At one time there were about twelve thousand men there. Regiments were coming in and others going to the front all the time. The Young Men's Christian Association had a chapel for the use of the men, where frequent meetings were

"This camp was finally struck, the men having all gone to the war. General Grant had captured Fort Donelson and taken ten thousand Confederate prisoners, of whom about nine thousand were sent to Chicago and placed in Camp Douglas with a regiment of our men as guards. It was a period of popular apprehension, and the people of the city were very nervous. A week afterward, at the close of a union prayer meeting, Moody said to me:

"'Hawley, let us go down and hold a meeting there in the chapel with the prisoners.'

"It was about five miles down to the camp, and as we got near the entrance, Moody said: 'Hawley, here is a ministerial' pass: take it.'

"'But how will you get in past the guard?

"'In some way!' was the confident reply.

"The guard passed me right in, but Moody was halted by fixed bayonets.

"'Stand back!' came the stern order.

"'I am Moody, the president of the Young Men's Christian Association,' he explained to the soldier.

"'I don't care who you are; you can't get in here!' At that moment a captain who was passing stepped up and recognized the evangelist. To him Moody appealed.

"'Let me in,' he urged, 'for the work's sake.

"The officer turned to the guard. 'Let one of your men take Mr. Moody to headquarters; I will be responsible.

"We marched in, Moody under military guard. On the matter being explained at headquarters the officer in charge said: 'Well, seeing you are here and considering your object, you may stay, but don't repeat it. If you are not out of here by 8:00 P.M. you go into the guardhouse for the night.

"We went to the chapel, arranged things, and invited the men. It was soon packed full. Turning to me with a twinkle in his eye, Moody said: 'Now, Hawley, you preach.' I remonstrated and said I wasn't a minister.

"'But you came in on a ministerial pass and I didn't,' he persisted. So I quietly acquiesced, and we had an interesting service. Mr. Moody took charge, and it seemed as though the Spirit of the Lord came down upon these men with great power. They came forward to the altartwenty, thirty, forty at a time. We closed the meeting and began inquiry work. Moody still had the platform and God used him wonderfully. The whole audience melted, and we saw strong men in tears.

"'God is here!' Moody whispered to me, "We looked at our watches. It was but a few seconds of eight, and we had to run to get out of camp, having no notion of passing a night in the guardhouse.

"These meetings we kept up for two or three weeks, and many were converted. We formed a Young Men's Christian Association branch at the camp, and there were many kind expressions of gratitude even from the higher officers, who were greatly pleased with the work."

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D. L. MOODY SAID

"It does not take long to tell where a man's treasure is. In fifteen minutes' conversation with most men, you can tell whether their treasures are on earth or in heaven."

"If we are going to get salvation, we have to get it on God's terms and not on our own; and that is why I fear that a good many people will not get it-simply because they can't have their own way about it."

"Nobody knows what is in the human heart but Christ. We do not know our own hearts; none of us has any idea how bad they are."

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188 pages 5 x 7¼ inches. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids (1923). \$2.50.

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December Graduation

address by Dr. Robert R. Fritsch on "Learning — Doing — Teaching the Word" highlighted the fall term commencement exercises of Moody Bible Institute on December 19.

Professor emeritus of English Bible at Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., Dr. Fritsch recalled that he was the first speaker in Torrey-Gray Auditorium when it was opened for use at Founder's Week Conference in 1939. He began his address proper by revealing his gifts as a student of words both in and out of the Bible. His main emphases were on Ezra 7:10 and Daniel 12:3. In the first text he showed how important it is to be a doer of the Word before being a teacher of it. In the second passage he spoke of the rich rewards of a real teacher of the Word. He closed with an appeal to consecration and service. Referring to the Bible, he quoted a classic when he said, "Know it in the head-this is the academic side; stow it in the heart; show it in the life, and sow it in the world."

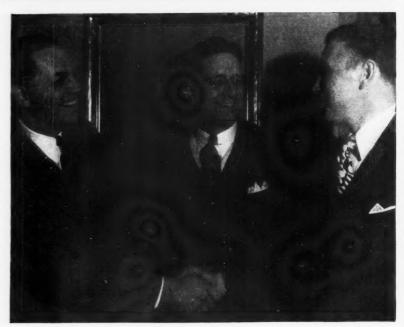
Preceding the address were two anthems by the Moody Chorale, successor to the Auditorium Choir, under the direction of James P. Davies, accompanied by Eric Franker, both of the music faculty. Dr. John H. Cable, member of faculty, read the Scripture, and Dr. William Culbertson, dean of education, led in prayer and introduced the speaker.

Fifty-seven women and ten men received diplomas from Frank F. Taylor, chairman of the Institute board of trustees, who served in the absence of President Will H. Houghton, as Miss Ruby Ann Jackson, registrar and secretary of the faculty, read the names of the graduates.

The class officers, who participated in the exercises in the morning period, are, president, John R. Loggans; vice-president, Madelyn V. Vander Sluis; recording secretary, Helen J. Christie; corresponding secretary, Sophie A. Jensen; and treasurer, Roland D. Gerdes. Alvin W. Johnson was the song leader.

Musical numbers at the class exercises included a women's trio singing "Praise Him!"; an organ and piano duet by Eleanor M. Harris and Rhoda V. Becker playing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus," and a women's octet singing a medley of gospel songs and hymns arranged and directed by Sara M. Ammerman.

Eunice Anderson, representing the women of the class, spoke on "Purposeful Living," and Virgil R. Peters, representing the men of the class, spoke on "Lights in the World," the class motto, found in Philippians 2:15. Madelyn V. Vander [Continued on page 445, column 2]



"Alumni—they're a great bunch! Take good care of 'em!" says Dr. Warren Filkin to New Editor Cook, while President Lawrence Pearson looks on.

Here's What We Plan to Do

by Lawrence E. Pearson

Tome months ago the executive committee promised a change in the affairs of our Association. Part of our plans have now materialized and with this issue of Moody Monthly we want to acquaint our great constituency with them. Here are four items for your consideration and co-operation.

1. New Feature

It is hoped that the alumni section in MOODY MONTHLY will become to all former students and friends of the Institute a source of information regarding activities at school, a meeting place for former students, and a voice for alumni opinion.

Each month we expect to feature some item which will be helpful to all. We also need information regarding the work of former students. Please keep us posted as to your activities, and if you have an item of interest, send it on to us so that we may know where you are and what you are doing.

2. New Offer

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MONTHLY will be \$1.50. The regular rate for a year's subscription to Moody Monthly is \$2.00 and a year's fee in the Alumni Association is \$1.00. Thus, there is a considerable saving in the joint offer.

3. NEW EDITO

With this issue, Robert Cook '30, will become the editor of Alumni News in Moody Monthly, in line with the Association's effort to distribute responsibilities among alumni outside the Institute. Mr. Cook is associate pastor of Midwest Bible Church in Chicago, and director of Chicagoland Youth for Christ. We appreciate his willingness to help in this endeavor, and we pray God's blessing upon him. To Dr. Warren Filkin, for his fine work in editing this page during the last three years, goes our sincere appreciation.

4. NEW POLICY

We are enlarging our staff in the Alumni office to care for anticipated growth in membership under the new subscription policy.

It is hoped also that in the near future we shall have a full-time field secretary who will travel in the interest of the Alumni Association, and who will be available to assist in the formation of new alumni groups and rallies. The days are here when those of like mind must

have a means of fellowshiping together, and it is our desire to provide this fellowship for former students and friends throughout the country.

Please pray about these plans. They are made subject to divine approval and the approval of all former students. We desire that the Alumni Association of Moody Bible Institute be objective, spiritual, and Christ-centered.

I want to express my appreciation to Dr. Houghton and other officials of the Institute who have made this new policy possible. They have co-operated in every way—now it is up to us. We need each other in these days. Your president and executive committee have tried to do something constructive for the Alumni Association. We trust you will pray God's blessing upon this new venture.

TWO FACULTY MEMBERS LEAVE

Talmage J. Bittikofer, of the music faculty, has left the Institute after many years of effective service as teacher of music subjects, public speaking, and directing of the Institute choir, to take up work as head of the Music Course at Detroit Bible Institute. Miss Margaret Gordon, instructor in English, also closed her work with the Institute at the end

of the fall term, December 19, 1946. With appreciation for their ministry go our prayers for God's continued blessing on them in the future.

Ruth E. Lambert, Elizabeth Louise Millet, Genevieve Ellen Morningstar, Patricia Ann Myers, Elizabeth Josephine Plumer, Elsie Marie Tipton. Wilma Jean Unruh.

DECEMBER GRADUATION

[Continued from page 444, column 1]

Sluis made an excellent, though short, speech in presenting the class picture, which was acknowledged by Dr. Culbertson, who read greetings from friends of the class, including a telegram from Dr. Houghton, who was out of town on account of illness.

Words of the class song, "As Lights in the World," were written by Flora Mae Duncan, and the music was composed by Eleanor M. Harris. The members of the class sang the number at the class exercises and also at the graduation supper in the Institute dining room, following the senior reception.

Names of those receiving diplomas follow:

GENERAL COURSE: Ruby Frances Anderson, Florence Geraldine Atherton, Edythe Audrey Baham, Frances Estella Baker, Lillian Katherine Baker, Doris Ella Blanks, Helen Louise Boehnke, Peggy Louise Cain, Mary Ellen Houseman, Tyyne Ellen Kaare, Ethel Irene Koepp,

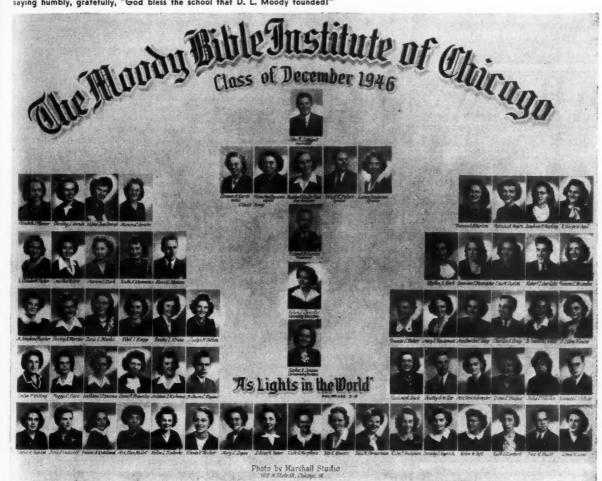
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COURSE: Eunice Antonette Anderson, Blytha Amelia Beck, Evelyn Pearl Bitting, Marion Elbridge Clark, Flora Mae Duncan, Helen Marjorie Goul, Dorothy Elizabeth Hedrick, Sophie A. Jensen, Mildred June Kirkemo, Bessie Irene Kruse, Frances Elnora McConkie, Marjorie Bergman Schroeder.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—MUSIC COURSE:
Josephine Fletcher, Leona Moody Gray.
JEWISH MISSIONS COURSE: Doris Edna
Endicott.

MISSIONARY COURSE: Ida Elizabeth Bowers, Leona Marie Brownlee, Helen Jeannette Christie, Julia Elizabeth Fowler, Irene Lenee Fuqua, Marion Loraine Gordon, Pauline Alvena Huck, Doris Isabelle Jones, Mary L. Logan, Ruth Grizell Murphree, Josephine Margaret Neipling, Martha Ruth Ore, Ilene Elizabeth Parker, Helen Mary Sefi, Gladys M. Totten, Doro-

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Founder's Week

Many of you are planning to be in Chicago for Founder's Week Conference. The program is ready and we are assured of the same fine fellowship and inspiration as in former years. The Alumni dinner in the Institute dining room is scheduled this year for Tuesday noon.

Visit the Alumni office in Crowell Hall, and let us have your suggestions. Your thought and prayer will help make the Alumni Association objective in its program and far-reaching in its ministry to the host of members and friends around the world.

FROM FIELDS AFAR

Ivy E. Craig '19, continues her work at the Chikore mission station, and asks for the prayers of her friends on her behalf and for a quickening among the Christian people in the area.

John Barcus '44, and Mrs. Barcus (Alice Bullock '44) are now located at Meknes Morocco, North Africa. They planned to open a bookstore in that city around November 1, for the purpose of reaching some of the thousands of Jews in Morocco.

Dr. R. V. Herbold '41, and Mrs. Herbold '41, expected to sail for Nigeria, West Africa, on December 28. They have been serving under the Sudan Interior Mission at Omu Aran via Ilorin.

Robert Couture '42, and Mrs. Couture (Jean Stein '44) have been in India more than a year, and praise God that He has kept them in good health, supplied every need and richly blessed them in many other ways. Having passed their first year's language examination, they have begun teaching Sunday school classes in the Marathi language. They are living at the Scandinavian Alliance Mission station in Amalner, East Khandesh.

Paul Sheetz '41, and Mrs. Sheetz (Charlotte Hall '40), missionaries in Oranjestad, Aruba, N.W.I., under the Scandinavian Alliance Mission, attended the convention of National Evangelical Churches in Venezuela last August. They report that they have distributed thousands of tracts and copies of the Papiamento magazine La Estrella in the last few months, in addition to a number of Bibles.

B. J. Nickel '42, and Mrs. Nickel (Doris Champney '42), with their three-year-old son Raymond, are now living in Sevilla. Valle, Colombia, South America, where they are serving under the Gospel Missionary Union of Kansas City, Mo.

Ruth Warner '45, and her sister, Dortha Warner '45, have arrived in India and are living at the Scandinavian Alliance Mission House at Amalner, East Khandesh, India. They arrived in time for the annual field conference, and Ruth Warner was appointed to send greetings to Moody MONTHLY readers from the many former Moody students present. Meeting November 5-10, this was the forty-third annual conference, the largest in the history of

the mission in India. Forty-four missionaries and ten missionary children were present, including thirteen new missionaries, nine of whom just arrived in time for the conference. Twenty-two of those present were graduates of Moody Bible Institute. Plans have been completed for the beginning of work in a new district which is part of the Nasik territory.

James Lucas '42, and Mrs. Lucas (Alice Van Stee '42) recently visited mission stations in the Biliri district of Eastern Nigeria. There is much evidence of God's blessing upon the work among the Tangale tribe at Kaltungo, which is five miles from Biliri, where the mission began its work in 1917. At that time the missionaries found a fierce, warlike people who were cannibals and ancestor worshipers. Today 800 black-skinned natives gather to participate in the communion service. In Biliri, as many as 1,100 natives gather for worship.

Elizabeth H. Sheetz '43, of Maracaibo, Venezuela, writes that the Scandinavian Alliance Mission committee has placed her in Los Puertos, where she will be working with Ethel Josephson. Margaret Weiandt '43, is to work in Merida, a town in the Andes Mountains. Miss Sheetz plays the piano for one of the radio programs each week.

Rosemary Russell '42, has started a mission Sunday school for Armenians in Khartoum, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, East Africa, where she is serving under the Sudan Interior Mission.

STUDENTS OF OTHER DAYS

George G. Nika '36, has resigned as pastor of the Grayton Road Baptist Church, Berea, Ohio, to become pastor of Grace Gospel Tabernacle, Chicago. Following his graduation at the Institute, he attended Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, and then went to the Berea pastorate in 1939. While there, he taught in the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, and attended the Baldwin-Wallace College for three years.

Arthur George '44, and Mrs. George 43, have just moved to 48 Austin Street, Wakefield, R.I., in order that he might assume his duties as pastor of Second Baptist Church, South Kingstown, R.I.

William Battishill '45, is now living in Ypsilanti, Mich., and attending Michigan

State Normal College.

R. C. Schneider '46, and Mrs. Schneider (Doris Gould '46) have been living in the Gospel Missionary Union home in Kansas City, Mo., in preparation for their departure to North Africa to work among the Mohammedan people. They have been studying French and acquiring some of their equipment. It may be they will be able to sail in March.

The installation service of Victor O. Augsburger '38, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, East Boston, Mass., was held October 11.

Willard Harrison '38, and Mrs. Harrison (Doris Feathers '46) are living at 55 La-Paz Road, Santa Barbara, Calif., where they are continuing studies in French and the Bible in preparation for missionary work in the Belgian Congo. Mr. Harrison is attending Westmont College.

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attended the Wycliffe Bible Translation School in Oklahoma and were expecting to leave for Mexico November 18, to study in the jungle camp, located some six days by muleback from the closest rail point. After studying there some eighteen months, they anticipate going to Peru or Venezuela to work among the Indians in the Amazon River basin. Mr. Miller was graduated from the Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Ore., in May, 1946.

Ore., in May, 1946.

Ben Shaw '33, is pastor of the Strawberry Point and Edgewood Congregational churches in Iowa.

Jesse Powers '32, and Mrs. Powers '30, have started on their tenth year of service with the First Baptist Church, Pekin, Ill. He reports that the church had a wonderful experience in a recent evangelistic campaign conducted by Charles E. Boren, of the Fuller Evangelistic Foundation.

H. M. Lintz '30, of Riverside, Calif., reports the special blessing of God on his evangelistic meetings in recent months.

S. Roy Lovegrove '44, a student at the Gordon Divinity School in Boston, has begun work as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Hancock, Mass. He and Mrs. Lovegrove '44, and daughter Elizabeth Ann, moved there in October.

Four graduates of the Institute are members of the staff of Western Baptist Bible College, 528 Thirty-third Street, Oakland, Calif. Herbert A. Farrar '32, is acting president of the school, which is associated with the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches. H. Leroy Wortman '32, is the vice-president. William Headley '22, and Fred R. Brock '32, are the other two connected with the school.

Howard C. Fulton '15, celebrated his fifteenth anniversary as pastor of the Belden Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, on December 1. The annual budget has increased from \$15,000 to \$30,000. Missionary giving has increased from \$3,500 to \$10,000 a year. The mortgage indebtedness has been cleared away and costly repairs have been made on the church buildings. The average attendance in the Sunday school is 500, he reports.

Leo Lyle '31, and Mrs. Lyle continue their work in the Pentwater, Mich., area where they conducted summer rural Bible schools. Last summer they visited fifty-seven schools in the county and conducted seven rural schools with an enrollment of 750 children. They report that the need is as great there as it is in many places in the mountains.

Dolly M. Bluethgen '45, and Laura Jean Burnum '45, are taking nurse training in the Women's Hospital of Maryland, Baltimore, Md. They are planning, with two other former Moody students, to start a prayer and Bible study group soon.

E. Russel Cunnings '37, formerly man-

E. Russel Cunnings '37, formerly manager of the Sword Book Room, Wheaton, Ill., is now working in the Stewardship Department at the Institute.

BIRTHS

To Charles A. Monroe '42, and Mrs. Monroe (Pearl Ernsbarger '42), a daughter, Sharon Elizabeth, Aug. 10, at Mukedi, Belgian Congo, Africa.

To Stanley R. Hahn '41, and Mrs. Hahn, a son, Stanley Robert, Jr., Dec. 8, at Louisville, Ky.

To William B. Lester and Mrs. Lester (E. Elizabeth Bachman '40), a daughter, Anne Heron, Sept. 17, at Sincelejo, Colombia. South America.

To James Draper '45, and Mrs. Draper (Delores Erickson '45), a daughter, Melody Jean, Nov. 17.

To William Stuckey '33, and Mrs. Stuckey '33, a son, Philip Dean, Oct. 18.

To Burton Berry and Mrs. Berry (Mildred Chewront '42), a son, James Burton, Sept. 20, at Brainerd, Minn.

To Gordon Perry and Mrs. Perry '46, a son, Keith David, Dec. 6.

To Paul McSparran '41, and Mrs. Mc-Sparran (Ruth Stair '40), a son, Paul Henry, Aug. 19, at Chile, South America.

To Dale Tatemeier and Mrs. Tatemeier (Faith Holsteen '42), a daughter, Sherril Lee, Nov. 17, at Burlington, Iowa.

To John deBoer '38, and Mrs. deBoer, an adopted son, Joseph Ward, Sept. 16.
To Charles F. Bowes '40, and Mrs.

Bowes (Dorothy Guzzardo '41), a daughter, Dorothy Joy, Sept. 4, at Gonzales, Texas.

MARRIAGES

William Wood Lawson '40, and Susan Alice Dear, Sept. 28, at Hamilton, Ont. Robert O. Brant, and Florence Wittig

'46, Aug. 16, at Chicago, Ill.

Elmer Gean, and Rubean Lacy '43,

Sept. 28, at Flint, Mich.

Covell Hart '46, and Ruth Alice Teague

'46, Aug. 2, at Chicago, Ill.

James D. Parker '46, and Dorothy Lou-

ise Briggs '45, Aug. 10, at Shelby, Ohio. Arne A. Ahlman, and Eva Margaret Johnson '41, July 22, at Englewood, N.J. Robert C. Schneider '46, and Doris Virginia Gould '46, Aug. 17, at Elgin, Ill. Holger Anderson, and Grace Willson '46, Nov. 9, at Maywood, Ill.

Paul Arthur Jones, and Jean Pelham Bigelow '43, July 12, at Chicago, Ill.

DEATHS

Warren Dittemore '44, died of typhus fever Aug. 5 in Pugeleh, Yunnan Province, China, where he and his wife were serving as missionaries. Mr. Dittemore had also studied at Manhattan Bible College, Manhattan, Kan.; Butler College, Indianapolis, Ind., and the School of Languages, Berkeley, Calif. Mrs. Dittemore and their fifteen-month-old daughter, Janet, will remain in China, where Mrs. Dittemore will continue the work she and her husband had started.

Mrs. John Mein (Elizabeth Fehsenfeld '09) died on Nov. 23 in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, after suffering for some months from arteriosclerosis. Mr. Mein '09, will continue as director of the Serminario Teologico Baptista Do Norte Do Brasil.

Coptic, the native language of the Egyptians in New Testament days, was one of the first languages into which the early Church missionaries translated the Bible. Like Latin, it has long been a dead language, but like the Latin Bible in the Roman Church, the Coptic Bible is still the official Bible of the present Coptic Church in Egypt.



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CONVENTION HERALDS NEW ERA IN MISSIONS

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Maxwell, witty, energetic principal of the Spirit in the individual's life, and the Prairie Bible Institute. Speaking on "The Holy Spirit in Missions," Mr. Maxwell stressed the necessity for supernatural power in fulfilling the Great Commission, and pointed out that Christ's reference to the leaven of the Pharisees indicates that we may be both orthodox and dead. Students will long remember his word of warning, "The worst is yet to come," as he talked about the price of discipleship.

Applause greeted the appearance of Bakt Singh, converted Sikh, on the platform Monday evening with his arm in a sling. Although he had splintered the bone in his elbow in a fall on the icy sidewalk on Saturday, the Indian evangelist delayed the necessary operation on his arm in order to make his scheduled address on "Completing Christ's Commission in India."

Taking Luke 14:25-33 as his text he delivered an impassioned plea to prospective candidates to count well the cost of missionary work for Christ before daring to begin. "Dig deep, please," he warned; "the foundation of the tower must be deeper than our emotion; it must be the Lord Jesus Himself." He also exhorted prospective missionaries to preach the complete gospel of Christ, warning them that if they were going to build a tower it must be higher than that of any other religion.

As the last sands drained from the hour glass of 1946 the delegates met for a memorable New Year's Eve assembly as Dr. R. C. McQuilkin challenged them to complete Christ's commission. Few sights could have been more impressive than the calm and purposeful march of 250 young peoeple to the front of the auditorium of the Ontario College of Education as Dr. Mc-Quilkin called for those who definitely purposed to go to the mission field. More than half of the volunteers had made their decisions for foreign missions during the convention week, and probably few were made that evening. Most of the students had heard God's call as they knelt by dormitory beds or gathered in house prayer meetings. For them the words of "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," which they joined in singing together, must have had deep meaning.

Probably the outstanding doctrinal truths emphasized by the speakers of the convention were the centrality of Christ in every aspect of missions, the necessity of the empowering of the Holy cost of missions in terms of self-denial.

In a conference so packed with interest and value it would be hard to say what things will be best remembered by the hundreds of Christian young people who attended. Probably few will forget the challenge of Dr. Zwemer and Canon R. H. A. Haslam as time and again the two venerable scholars addressed otheir audience as "fellow students."

Surely no one will ever forget the music of the convention. Hymn transcriptions by a trumpet trio from the University of Toronto were brilliant, but many a chorus-fed American student received his greatest thrill from discovering the richness and depth of some of the old hymns of worship led by Dr. Homer Hammontree, such as "Teach Me Thy Way" and "Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of

From many standpoints the stress of non-professional missionaries was significant. Generally speaking, the non-professional missionary is a person in some ordinary vocation, such as business or engineering, who has been led by God to carry on his chosen profession in a foreign land in order to be a more effective witness for Christ.

Mission leaders see both advantages and dangers in such a plan. In many cases a layman in a foreign country will have contacts through his business that could never be made by the regular missionary. His incentive to live a life completely above reproach will be great, for his personal testimony must usually be in deed before it can be in word.

On the other hand, the difficulties will be many. The demands of his occupation and those of his Christian work as far as time and energy are concerned will often conflict. He will not have the help of other Christians to the extent that one working under a mission board would have. If employed, the business policies of his company may often affect his missionary work adversely.

However, men of experience are agreed that the non-professional missionary has an important role to play. And by cooperating with existing evangelical organizations on the field, he will become a vital cog in postwar missions.

One of those who plans to follow in the train of the tentmaker of Tarsus is Fred Denton, personable young Montreal businessman. Denton, who has had outstanding success in Christian youth hostel work in Quebec, will soon go to South America and Mexico as an agent of the pharmaceutical firm where he is a junior executive. Studies abroad have already given him a fluent command of Spanish, and he expects his business contacts to be contacts for Christ also.

Similar opportunities are offered to students who are able to study in schools in other lands. Many veterans, for instance, will take their GI training in South American colleges and universities in order to have contact with students there. Work of this kind is already being carried on at the University of Mexico by IVCF member Ed Pentecost. "We looked at the need of the students and tried to see what we could do for them," said Pentecost. As a result he was able to start a student center where the Christian students meet and witness to the non-Christians who come to take advantage of the center's excellent study facilities.

Emphasis on personal contact and friendship with those one is trying to reach for Christ was echoed by many missionary veterans. "You must identify yourself with the people you are trying to witness to," they said. It's your character and personality that count most. As one speaker put it, Christ must be lifted up in flesh and blood if people are to believe in Him.

HE CONVENTION FOR MIS-SIONARY ADVANCE was a milestone for the fast-growing Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. Although its roots go back more than half a century to the intercollegiate Christian Union of Cambridge and Oxford in Great Britain, IVCF has been in this country only a dozen years or so. Following Dwight L. Moody's historic meetings at Oxford and Cambridge in 1882, the two British student groups participated in one of the greatest surges of missionary interest and activity in the history of Christendom

A little later the Student Volunteer movement was formed at the Mt. Hermon conferences initiated by Moody. Its glorious passion for the unsaved of all lands wrote itself from Greenland's icy mountains to India's coral strand. IVCF and FMF leaders prayerfully hope that a similar student movement is arising under God to meet the desperate need of our day.

They point out that rising literacy the world around results in a special demand for missionaries of college and university background. If the Inter-Varsity movement can give modern students a vision of missions it will have played a notable part in fulfilling Christ's commission to His Church, International IVCF Secretary Stacey Woods believes.

It is significant to note that more than half of the present members of Inter-Varsity were converted on the campus. Thus, to many of the delegates, the anpeal of foreign missions was a new thing. To those coming from non-Christian or non-evangelical backgrounds the Great Commission had never before become personal.

But if testimonies at the last night of the conference are any indication, 600 young Christians will return to campuses across the continent with a real vision of missions. Whether or not they actually go to the foreign field themselves, they will be energetic supporters of missionary activity. And if the Christian college and university students of this country and Canada throw themselves unreservedly into the cause of Christ on a world-wide scale, who can predict the blessing that will follow?



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Arguing RELIGION

by Warren Filkin

A frank statement by an experienced worker with souls

NEVER argue about politics or religion!"

Did you ever hear anybody say that? Many good people will do anything to avoid an argument, and most argumentative individuals might do well to steer clear of more arguments than they do. Politics is out of my line, but this matter of "arguing religion" is in my line.

This is a crude way of putting the matter, of course. The fact is, I do not argue about religion—that is, any more. Some years ago, I was greatly concerned whenever I ran across anybody who did not believe everything about the Bible in just the way I did. I was sure I was always right in every particular.

Occasionally I would meet a downright, outright, forthright skeptic. Now, it is a man's own business what he is. If he wants to be a skeptic, he ought to be allowed to think as he pleases; this is a free country. However, I did not realize this, and I felt that it was my business to set the fellow straight, and quickly! I let him know what was what, immediately. I told him a thing or two, and laid it on heavy, with results which I might have anticipated.

This was where the rub came in—the results. There simply never were any results of the kind I wanted. Doubtless there were results of some kind, because a stimulus produces a response of some sort, somewhere, always. I would argue with a man, with the result that I was unable to win him to Christ. Perhaps it would have been different if someone else did the arguing, but when I argued for Christ I became rather "hot under the collar." and so did everyone else.

Then I began to look over my batting average, and I do mean batting average. for I would hit people, verbally and ideologically, and hit hard. Although I made a lot of hits, most of them were foul balls. The worst of the matter was that I thought I was doing the job the way the books said it should be done.

Someone will be asking, "Well, if you're so smart today, how do you do the job now?" This reminds me of an experience attributed to Dr. R. A. Torrey's famous song leader Charles M. Alexander. Somebody came up to him on one occasion and said, "Mr. Alexander, I don't like the way you do personal work!"

What did Mr. Alexander say? Did he get hot under the collar, and act like Warren Filkin? I should say he did not. He merely let the man get the matter off his chest by making him repeat the remark.

"What was that?" asked Mr. Alexander.
"I don't like the way you do personal work!"

"Why, I don't either. How do you do it?"
"Well," the critic said, "as a matter of

fact. I don't do any.'

"Then, I like the way I do it better than the way you don't do it," replied Mr. Alexander.

How do I do it today? First of all I ought to say that the more I learn about people, the more certain I am that I do not know anything at all about them. I know this much, that I have no business running around to pick a fight about religion, and then call this personal work.

Suppose a salesman for a big concern went around picking arguments with the very people who were likely customers. He would soon be fired, fired with enthusiasm, as we say. His boss would not stand for this needless bickering and fighting.

Suppose, instead, the boss said, "Look here, Jones. We like you. We think you have real possibilities. You've done some very fine work, but you make too many enemies for our firm. Every enemy is a potential customer of our competitors. Let's make friends for our company, and then you'll be getting business."

Jones takes this to heart. He does not get out of the habit of putting every man in his place, for a while. That takes time. It took time to become skillful in the business of mortifying those to whom he was trying to sell his company's goods. But little by little, Jones sees sales picking up. Some times he has to argue; that

is to be expected. But Jones has changed, and he is doing better. He no longer gets angry. Even though he has differed with a fellow, he still likes the man, and the man likes him, believes in him, and gives him an order.

That is my point about arguing religion. There are times when every single one of us has to come out flatfootedly against certain doctrinal positions. We just cannot agree with what we recognize as crazy, crackpot ideas. But there is a way to disagree that will help us to win to Christ the person we are talking to, instead of ruining completely our chances to win him now or later.

Our whole attitude must reveal love on our part—honest-to-goodness love and concern for the one we are seeking to reach. If the person knows us, believes in us and likes us, he will let us say things to him, when we say them in the right way, which may be completely opposed to what he has been thinking all along.

Paul had this sort of experience in Thessalonica, so that he could say, "Ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost" (I Thess. 1:6).

It is like arguing across the desk with somebody. Words fly thick and fast. So I say, "Come over to my side of the desk and let us talk the matter over together." And if the friend will not come, why, then I go over on his side of the desk. Now, there is nothing between us, not even a desk. We are friends. I love him, I want him, I covet him for Christ. He knows it, and believes that I sincerely desire to help him. We are not haggling; we are seeking to know the truth.

When a person tells me he wants to be saved, then I can help him. If he is willing to let me explain the matter as I understand it from the Scriptures, I can help him. But we are not arguing; we are working together. Let us try this plan as we do personal work in the days that lie just ahead of us.



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OF THE FAITH

by Wilbur M. Smith

n the Sunday after His resurrection, our Lord gave to Thomas, the most skeptical, if one might say, or the most rationalistic of the disciples, a warning which because of its extreme brevity is often passed over. "Be not faithless, but believing," said Christ to Thomas that evening, following a week in which the disciple had been insisting that he would not believe in the resurrection unless he could actually put his finger in the nail prints, and thrust his hand into our

Literally, the warning might be translated, "Become not unbelieving, but believing." Bishop Westcott has well said: "Belief and unbelief both grow. Thomas wasn't, but he was on the way to being, faithless. The tense of the verb marks the process as we continue going on."

I believe that in this skeptical age of ours, especially among young people who are living in an atmosphere where all that pertains to the supernatural is under constant criticism, this warning is needed. Unbelief, skepticism and doubt seem almost to be idols before which young people feel they must prostrate

The distinguished psychologist Dr. Edwin A. Starbuck, in a remarkable article on doubt in Hastings' Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics, has a warning which we need to heed today. It is similar to the words of our Lord Jesus: "The danger of doubting is not only that it may become a fixed habit, but that interest may center in the process itself as severed from the complex of normal mental

A remarkable statement from secular literature about doubt and unbelief

activities for healthy enthusiasms and become a mania. Its symptoms are a state of persistent intellectual unrest, a devouring metaphysical hunger, a morbid anxiety and mental dissatisfaction, accompanied not infrequently by a Hamletlike paralysis of the will."

My reason for particularly bringing up this subject now is that I ing up this subject now is that I Winter at Davos, Switzerland Paul Faiss photo. ment in secular literature concerning the evil consequences of a permanent state of doubt, and the necessity for realizing that men were made not to doubt, but to believe. This is in Thomas Carlyle's famous Lectures on Heroes, particularly the one given May 19, 1840, on "The Hero as a Man of Letters." These are Carlyle's

"It would take many discourses, not a small fraction of one discourse, to state what one feels about that eighteenth century and its ways. As indeed this, and the like of this, which we now call skepticism, is precisely the black malady and life-foe, against which all teaching and discoursing since man's life began has directed itself: the battle of belief against unbelief is the never-ending battle! Neither is it in the way of crimination that one would wish to speak. Skepticism, for that century, we must



consider as the decay of old ways of believing, the preparation afar off for new, better and wider ways—an inevitable thing. We will not blame men for it; we will lament their hard fate. We will understand that destruction of old forms is not destruction of everlasting substances; that skepticism, as sorrowful and hateful as we see it, is not an end but a begin-

"Belief I define to be the healthy act of a man's mind. It is a mysterious, indescribable process, that of getting to believe-indescribable, as all vital acts are. We have our mind given us, not that it may cavil and argue, but that it may see into something, give us clear belief and understanding about something, whereon we are then to proceed to act.

"Doubt, truly, is not itself a crime. Certainly we do not rush out, clutch up the first thing we find, and straightway believe that! All manner of doubt, inquiry, about all manner of objects, dwells in every reasonable mind. It is the mystic working of the mind, on the object it is getting to know and believe. Belief comes out of all this, above ground, like the tree from its hidden roots.

"But now if, even on common things, we require that a man keep his doubts silent, and not babble of them till they in some measure become affirmations or denials, how much more in regard to the highest things, impossible to speak of in words at all! That a man parade his doubt, and get to imagine that debating and logic (which means at best only the manner of telling us your thought, your belief or disbelief, about a thing) is the triumph and true work of what intellect he has, alas, this is as if you should overturn the tree, and instead of green boughs, leaves and fruits, show us ugly taloned roots turned up into the airand no growth, only death and misery going on!

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CONTRASTING FETTERS

by C. Norman Bartlett

If ye died with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, do ye subject yourselves to ordinances?-Colossians 2:20

WE are being told today that we have outgrown the need of obedience to the teachings of the New Testament. This is the age of emancipation, of selfexpression at all cost. Away with hoary inhibitions. Down with tradition. Such is the modern spirit of rebellion.

Yet it needs to be remembered that whatever of good there may be in the new freedom can be found in the Christian religion in full-orbed splendor. In Christ we have true freedom.

As Christians we do well to bear in mind that the fetters upon full surrender to Jesus which the world would fasten upon us are far more to be feared than the fetters upon the expression of the baser and animal self which the Saviour in love would fasten upon us.

Why do men, even Christians sometimes, resent so fiercely any form of dictation which prevents them from having their own way, while at the same time they submit so tamely to the dictation of the world which prevents the Lord from having His way in and through them?

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Chalk Illustration

by JAMES F. HARRISON

Beginning a series of articles on how to link heart and hand in giving forth the Word of Life

Meaning

Chalk illustration, correctly used, is a form of visual aid; incorrectly used, it may become a form of visual hindrance. Pictures made with chalk or crayon may leave either right or wrong impressions with the observer, impressions likely to be retained for a long time. Therefore, the use of chalk or crayon should not be undertaken until there has been careful preparation. A thorough knowledge of the proper technique should be obtained, and wisdom must be exercised in the choice of illustrations appropriate to the subject.

Motive

These articles are written, not to help young people to become better artists, but to make available to them one more means of presenting the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. In this time of great need, we who have the Word of God in our hearts must take it into our hands, as it were, and share it with others. The present day is a challenge to every young person not only to live Christ, but also to be alert to every opportunity to witness for Him. Chalk and crayon illustration is an effective means to this end.

Materials

We may choose between two mediums, large black wax crayon with sheets of newsprint, or colored lecturer's chalk with gray or manila paper made for the purpose. For those without previous experience, black crayon is best, and there is a simple method by which anyone can produce good illustrations. The only materials needed are a large black wax crayon, a black wax pencil, a common lead pencil, a yard stick, tracing paper, and sheets of fairly transparent newsprint, 24 x 36 inches obtainable at the office of any newspaper.

Method

Begin by dividing the entire surface of a sheet of newsprint into two inch squares, using the black wax pencil. Make the lines as heavy as possible, ruling the center vertical line wider than the others, to make it stand out. Number the squares along the four borders. There will be twelve rows of vertical squares, and eighteen rows of horizontal squares, as in the illustration.

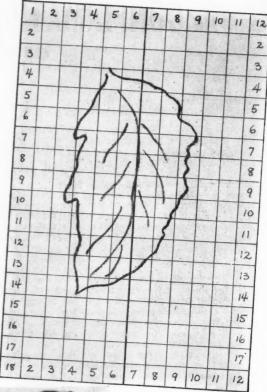
Suppose we want to bring an illustrated message on the subject of "The Vanity of Life." A leaf would be a good choice for the illustration, because a leaf fades. Having found a suitable picture of a leaf in a newspaper or magazine, take a piece of tracing paper and trace all the essential details with a lead pencil.

After this, determine how much space on the ruled sheet of newsprint should be devoted to the leaf. It is necessary to take into consideration the form of the object, and its placement as well. In this case, since the leaf is long and narrow, it would be well to place it vertically, with the newsprint vertical also.

After due consideration, we may decide to reserve three horizontal rows above the leaf, and, since it is usually better for the lower space to be a little larger, approximately four horizontal rows below. There remain approximately eleven horizontal rows of squares for the leaf itself. We are now ready to continue with the tracing paper.

It is our purpose to divide the picture on the tracing paper into eleven horizontal rows of squares, corresponding

Chalk Illustration is one of the subjects Mr. Harrison teaches as a member of the faculty of Moody Bible Institute.





Mr. Harrison

with the space allowed on the newsprint. Draw one horizontal line touching the top of the leaf, and another at the bottom.

Let us suppose that the length of the leaf on the tracing paper is two inches. How can we divide this into eleven equal parts? It is not difficult. In two inches, there are four one-half inches, eight one-quarter inches, sixteen one-eighth inches, or thirty-two one-sixteenth inches. We choose thirty-two one-sixteenth inches, because they are more nearly divisible by eleven than any of the

other divisions of the available space. By adding one-sixteenth of an inch, we have a total of thirty-three one-sixteenth inches, exactly divisible by eleven. This gives us eleven horizontal spaces, each three-sixteenths of an inch wide. The lowest horizontal line is thus one-sixteenth inch below the bottom of the leaf.

Having settled the matter of placement with reference to top and bottom, we must decide how to place the leaf relative to the sides of the newsprint. If our object were a vase, the center of the vase would have to occupy the center of the newsprint, for the sake of symmetry. This is not necessary for an irregular object such as a leaf.

Suppose we decide to place the leaf somewhat to the left of the center. We rule a vertical line on the tracing paper, more heavily than subsequent lines, through that part of the leaf which is to occupy the center of the newsprint, and as many vertical lines on either side as may be necessary, the same distance apart as the horizontal lines. When finished, we number the squares on the four borders to correspond with that section of the newsprint chosen for the picture. Thus, the square on the right of the center vertical line will always be numbered 7, and the square on the left numbered 6. In this instance, the top horizontal [Continued on page 455]

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Shortly after radio commentator Lowell Thomas told the story of Sergeant Jacob Deshazer's experiences as a prisoner of war in Japan and his decision to return to that country as a Christian missionary. Themas received the following suggestion from a Massachusetts war equipment manufacturer:

"My company has been manufacturing fuses used in bombs dropped on Japan. Perhaps I can be of help to Sergeant Deshazer and use some of the profits from our fuse business to finance his education, so that he may return to Japan with the gospel of Jesus

The letter concluded with the words, "I have spent a considerable amount of money in research and development. I want to in crease my expenditures for the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that made our own country great."

The Watchman-Examiner quoted the noted merchant J. C. Penney as saying. "If I could get a message over to the youth of this country, it would be that success in life does not depend on genius. Any young man of ordinary intelligence, who is morally sound, aboveboard in his dealings, and not afraid of work, should succeed in spite of obstacles and handicaps, if he plays the game fairly and squarely and keeps everlastingly at it. The possibilities before one are measured by the determination which is within

To this sound advice may be added the reminder that the word "success" appears only once in the Bible. To the young man Joshua, God promised that if he would meditate on the Word, so that he might learn to do according to all that is written therein, "then thou shalt have good success" (Josh. 1:8).

American servicemen have brought 46,000 brides and 12,000 children home from overseas.

At the suggestion of the Christian Airmen's Missionary Fellowship, plans are now being considered to establish central airplane headquarters on all missionary fields for the use of societies working in adjoining territories.

Four "Youth for Christ" leaders are now in the British Isles for a six months' intensive evangelistic campaign.

A series of national health surveys has revealed that 9 per cent of the chronically ill of our population are between 15 and 25 years of age.

It is a deeply distressing fact that no fewer than seventeen million children in our country receive no religious instruction what-For the future of the nation it is desirable that we leave no measures untried to enroll all our future citizens in the Sunday schools of America. No civilization can endure without religion. Without religion there can be no vision, and where there is no vision the people perish.

—Governor Thomas Dewey

During a recent ordination service the minister giving the charge to a young candidate offered the following good

counsel: "Brother, beware of three temptations: the temptation to shine, the temptation to whine, and the temptation to recline!"



The Westminster Fellowship Council of the Chicago Presbytery has elected Adolph Slaughter, a Negro high school student, as moderator. The Fellowship represents 123 Presbyterian churches, and is overwhelmingly white in membership.

According to The Protestant Voice, fifty former GI's, members of the First English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Richmond, Virginia, have made plans to visit all of the more than 600 homes of the church congregation because they believe "it is about time somebody rehabilitates the folks back home."

A Frankfort A/M (Germany) "Youth for Christ" bulletin contains the following item: "One of the main projects of our Frank-fort Youth for Christ is the distribution of tracts and Bibles. Of this we are mighty proud. On Sunday afternoon, anywhere from "Times Square" to the Zoo, or to the Bahnhoff, you may see GI's passing out tracts to German civilians and GI's alike, as tracts are printed in German, and some in English. . .

"Never have I seen people so eager to get tracts. . . I gave my German tailor a Bible. He was so glad I thought he was going to kiss me. Many wonderful incidents occur on Sunday afternoons, and most of all we get great joy out of doing this little work for the Lord."

According to Dr. Howard E. Kershner, noted author and relief administrator, 80 per cent of the school buildings in many areas of Europe have been destroyed. Some classes are being held in bomb-torn churches, but inadequate winter clothing makes attendance impossible for a large proportion of the children. Attendance at religious services is likewise curtailed.

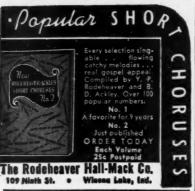
A Gallup poll of the French people, taken a few months ago to discover that nation's attitude toward religion, revealed that 56 per cent of the younger population are confessed believers. Those who declared they had abandoned all faith attributed this to education, temperament, philosophical reflection, and to "deception by the church in certain material aspects."

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The TRUE WAY to Peace

by Egerton C. Long

T happened during the dark days of 1940. The war clouds were hanging black over Europe just then. France had been knocked out, and the battle of Britain had begun. China and Japan, of course, had been in bloody conflict for several years. Isolationism versus interventionism was being debated in every village forum in the United States, as well as in the halls of Capitol Hill.

There were about forty of us foreignborn students at Moody Bible Institute that year. Canadians were in the majority. The Pacific was running second. There was Rosendo from the Philippines. (I wonder where his people are now?) There was Andrew Yang from Chinahis relatives suffered so much. There were many others. My home was in sunny Sydney, "down under," ten thousand miles away.

The old world had its representatives in our class, too. England, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Holland-each had sent a son or daughter to the school that D. L. Moody founded. I think some of us must have had passports issued by governments which no longer existed. How kind Uncle Sam was to us all!

"Let's go back to the Bible," was the message needed in that hour. The Institute was trying to bring it home to the hearts of Americans. A nationwide hookup originating at WMBI flung the message across the land.

The men's octette sang the theme for that program which went out over the air each week. President Will H. Houghton was the speaker; often the student body was the choir.

One Sunday afternoon, about six or seven of us "foreigners," whose countries were at war, stepped to the microphone, one after another, and each sang a different line of a hymn, with the student body answering antiphonally. Our leader said we weren't there because we could sing, and I'm afraid it was rather apparent. We were there because of the message contained in the hymn we were singing. It was Bishop Bickersteth's old favorite, "Peace, Perfect Peace."

The Australian sang the first question -the greatest question in the world today, "Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?" The student body gave the answer to the world, "The blood of Jesus whispers peace within."

Andrew Yang, I think it was, whose dear ones knew what real sorrow is, sang, "Mid sorrows surging round?" and the answer came, "In Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found."

One who knew nothing of the whereabouts of his loved ones asked, "Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?" He turned with tears in his eyes, as the choir assured him, "In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they."

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Two Czechoslovakian girls followed a German boy—"Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?" The answer was triumphant, "Jesus we know, and He is on the throne!"

And so the miracle went on. The representatives of countries at war were singing together of peace. It may not have been good singing, but I think we were nearer peace that day than they ever will be in Paris or New York, in London or Moscow. That was the true way to peace. The blood of Jesus whispers peace within. It is the only way.



For the Confirmation of the Faith

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"It seems to me, you lay your finger here on the heart of the world's maladies, when you call it a skeptical world, an insincere world, a godless untruth of a world! It is out of this, as I consider, that the whole tribe of social pestilences. French Revolutions, Chartisms, and what not, have derived their being-their chief necessity to be. This must alter. Till this alter, nothing can beneficially alter. My one hope of the world, my inexpugnable consolation in looking at the miseries of the world, is that this is altering.

"Here and there one does now find a man who knows, as of old, that this world is a truth, and no plausibility and falsity; that he himself is alive, not dead or paralytic; and that the world is alive, instinct with Godhood, beautiful and awful, even as in the beginning of days! One man once knowing this, many men, all men, must by and by come to know it. It lies there clear, for whosoever will take the spectacles off his eyes and honestly look to know!

"For such a man the unbelieving century, with its unblessed products, is already past; a new century is already come. The old unblessed products and performances, as solid as they look, are phantasms, preparing speedily to vanish. To this and the other noisy, very greatlooking simulacrum with the whole world huzzaing at its heels he can say, composedly stepping aside: Thou are not true; thou art not extant, only semblant; go thy way!

"Yes, hollow Formulism, gross Benthamism, and other unheroic atheistic insincerity are visibly and even rapidly declining. An unbelieving eighteenth century is but an exception-such as now and then occurs. I prophesy that the world will once more become sincere; a believing world; with many heroes in it, a heroic world! It will then be a victorious world; never till then."

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Take the sheet of newsprint containing the two-inch squares, put a blank sheet of newsprint over it, and clip the two together. The newsprint is sufficiently transparent to make the squares on the sheet beneath visible. Thus the under ruled sheet acts as a guide. With a common lead pencil, copy the leaf from the tracing paper, starting at the fifth row vertical squares and the fourth row of horizontal squares. By regarding each square as your entire picture for the time being, it is a simple matter to copy the entire drawing. Do not begin a new line until the previous square is completed.

When finished, you will have the leaf drawn on the blank newsprint in pencil. (It must be realized that the illustration accompanying this article is intended only to make the method plain. No squares or numbers appear on the finished drawing.) You are now pre-pared to take your faint pencil drawing before your hearers and speak on the subject "The Vanity of Life," going over the picture with the large black crayon as you speak.

If you desire to use the same illustration on another occasion, all you have to do is to place another blank sheet of newsprint over your ruled guide drawing, clip the two together, and trace the leaf again. The one drawing will serve as a pattern for many others like it, and you are able to give illustrated talks even though you have neither unusual artistic ability nor artistic training.

CHINESE STUDENTS FOR CHRIST

The heroic trek of Chinese university staffs and students to West China during the war is a well-known story. What will be the attitude of these prospective leaders of the new China toward Christianity? Has the witness of the Church during the years of fierce trial had any effect in turning them toward Christ?

Louis G. Gaussen, of the young Chungking Theological Seminary, wrote recently:

"Just now the work is going along steadily. We have good prospects for next fall. There are many students applving.

"It is wonderful what a work of grace is going on among the university students of China. The new Inter-Varsity Fellowship of China, formed last summer with a total membership of about eighteen hundred, is one sign. Campaigns in the various universities round Chungking are being amazingly fruitful in a way never seen before.

"Here is the hope for China. If these young people not only get really saved, but get the vision of China for Christ, then things will begin to happen. We hope to see many of them in this and other similar institutions in the next few years."

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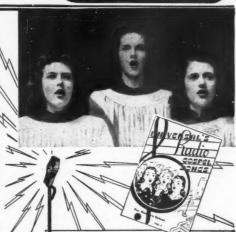
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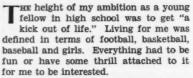


Getting "A Kick Out of Life"

by David D. Allen

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The personal testimony of a college athlete, now a pastor



My greedy heart was always reaching out for something satisfying, but it was always frustrated. Everything I did yielded only temporary satisfaction. I wanted to live, but did not know how; I wanted joy, but did not know where to find it; I wanted contentment, but knew not where to search.

I was no different from the rest of the crowd. We tried everything to see how much fun it would provide. We had to expend pounds of energy to get ounces of pleasure. Many were the nights that I would come home from some dance or show with a heart like lead. As long as the affair was in progress I was happy, but as soon as it was all over I was unhappy, restless and discontented.

My inner urges relentlessly drove me on at a faster pace. Innocent fun no longer appealed to me, and in my desperate desire for pleasure, I dipped deeply into the devil's dish of dainties. I found his bonbons to have bitter centers. I soon learned that Satan drives a hard bargain and charges exorbitant prices.

Headstrong and thoughtless, I was a source of concern to my mother and father. Mother would sit up and wait for me until the wee hours of the morning. My ears were deaf to both entreaty and threatenings. I was enjoying the pleasures of sin, having fun, getting "a kick out of life."

I was soon overpowered by vicious habits that bid fair to destroy my effectiveness as an athlete. One of my ambitions was to obtain a college football scholarship. Burning the candle at both ends would soon eliminate me from competitive sports, as I well knew. Accordingly, I tried by will power to overcome 'he evil habits I had acquired. To my amazement and consternation, I discovered that I was bound by chains of sin that I could not break.

I hated myself for my weakness. I fought fiercely to be free, but was help-lessly held in the viselike grip of sin. I tried resolutions, and turning over new leaves, but all in vain. I was on the toboggan slide that leads downward to destruction.

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Finally, on graduation from high school, I was awarded a football scholarship, and off to college I went. The school was hundreds of miles from home, and I thought with the new surroundings and new faces I would be a different boy. I intended to busy myself with athletics, studies and fraternity life. Surely that ought to solve my problems and satisfy my heart.

Alas, though in a new environment, I was the same lad. Geographical changes do not affect character. I developed from a high school sinner into a collegiate sinner. The greatest "kick in life" to me then was to "lug the leather" off tackle, break out into the open field and scamper for a touchdown; or to loop the oval through the threads for two points; or to feel the wood crack the leather for a two-bagger.

I came home from college disillusioned. My mind and body had been touched, but not my heart and life.

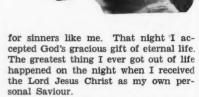
I then went into business, hoping against hope that I would find myself, in the mad world of commerce. While so employed, I met a girl who was different from any I had ever met before. She was a Christian, and she sought to win me for the Lord.

I remember, as though it were yesterday, riding down the street in my car when she said, "Dave, you're not a halfbad sort of fellow, but you're just a heathen".

Fit to be tied, ready to fight, I exploded, "What do you mean? I'm no heathen. I was raised right here in America!" Nevertheless, her words stuck fast in my mind; I couldn't forget them.

Stung, bewildered and ashamed, I finally contacted that girl again and permitted her to take me to church one night. It was the first time I had been inside a church for years. That night, so far as I can remember, was the first time I ever heard the gospel. As the evangelist earnestly described the inner longings and frustrations of the heart, I was sure someone had given him some information concerning me. With mingled emotions, I listened until conviction seized me, and the enormity of my sin appeared intolerable.

The sweetest story ever told then fell upon my ears, as I heard that Jesus died



The satisfaction for which I had searched so long, I found in Christ. The joy and peace that I had so hotly pursued were all mine the moment Jesus saved me. There is no joy like the joy Jesus gives. There is no contentment like the contentment Christ provides. There is no satisfaction like the satisfaction the Saviour supplies.

Now I really do "get a kick out of life." Now I'm gladder when I'm sad than I used to be when I was glad. The thrill of leading a soul to Christ far surpasses any thrill the world has to offer. If you want to know what it really means to live, if you desire to experience everything your heart desires, then accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour. "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (I Tim. 1:15).

James A. Stewart, founder of the European Evangelistic Crusade, a young evangelist whose ministry in Europe has been honored of God in a most remarkable way, and who has witnessed the fires of revival as have very few in our generation, recently gave a message entitled "Hollywood Evangelism," in which he pointed out some of the dangers inherent in adopting the methods of Hollywood to glamorize youth leaders and to center attention on them instead of on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Said Mr. Stewart: "In our earnest anxiety to catch the worldlings, we have given the impression that the gospel is almost a humorous, frivolous message. There is too much laughing in our meetings and not enough weeping. In our eagerness to tell the world that Christ satisfies, we have gone to the extreme of presenting a popular Christianity. When we laugh and joke and act the clown at the beginning of a service, and at the close become serious and warn the unsaved of their impending doom, it is difficult for them to realize that we are sincere. We are not saved to have a jolly good time. We are saved to sacrifice, to suffer, and to serve."

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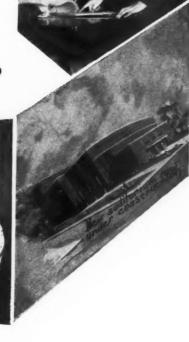
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